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Fayetteville, N. C., October 25th, 1887.

The Synod of North Carolina met in its Seventy-Fourth Annual Session, Tuesday, October 25th, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., in the Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, N. C., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. J. W. Primrose, from John 6: 47: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer.

The following members were present during the Session of Synod:*

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.	Churches.
Arch'd Currie,		
J. H. Smith, D. D.,	Sam'l C. Smith,	Greensboro.
E. W. Smith,	Jno C. Wharton,	Westminster.
	Calvin Donnell,	Graham.
F. H. Johnston, D. D.,		
L. C. Vass, D. D.,		
H. T. Darnall,2	J. P. Monroe,	Durham.
	L. M. Stewart,	Alamance.
T. J. Allison,	Maj. R. Bingham,4	Mebaneville.
S. M. Smith,		
	E. R. Stamps,	Raleigh First.
W. F. Thom,	C. E. Houston,	Mount Vernon.
	Wm. Boir,	Gulf.
	J. A. Womack,	Pittsboro.
J. N. H. Summerell,	B. D. Evans,	Tarboro.
	J. H. Nurney,2	Rocky Mount.

*The figure after a name denotes the day a member takes his seat.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
S. H. ISLER,[2]		
W. F. WILHELM,		
S. H. CHESTER,[2]	Stephen A. White,	Hawfields.
	Dr. W. N. Tate,[2]	Cross Roads.
ALEX. SPRUNT,		
R. B. WILLIS,		
S. O. HALL,		
R. P. PELL,		
17	T. A. Denny,	Buffalo.
	R. C. Rankin,	Bethel.
	W. F. Carter,	Mt. Airy.
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II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

E. F ROCKWELL, D. D.,		
	W. F. Hall,	Statesville.
	Wm. Murock,	Salisbury.
R. B. ANDERSON, D. D.,[2]	A. C. Avery,	Morganton.
J. M. WHAREY,[2]		
R. W. BOYD,[2]		
	M. H. H. Caldwell,[2]	Concord Town.
C. A. MONROE.	Dr. T. T. Hay,	Hickory.

Of the Presbytery of Orange the following Ministers were absent: R. Burwell, D. D., Geo. W. Ferritt, T. U. Faucette, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., P. H. Dalton, E. H. Harding, D. D., C. N. Morrow, Chas. Phillips, D. D., C. Miller, J. L. Currie, J. S. Watkins, D. D., D. I. Craig, A. L. Crawford, Carr Moore, W. R. Coppedge, C. D. Price.—16.

The following Churches were not represented: Cakland, Milton, Red House, Raleigh, Second, High Point, Jamestown, Kernersville, Ashboro. Worthville, New Bern, Spring Wood, Burlington, Bethlehem, Eno, Little River, New Hope, Fairfield, Washington, Reidsville, Oak Forest, Calah, Lexington, Hillsboro, Chapel Hill, Henderson, Oxford, Geneva, Nutbush, Grassy Creek, Shiloh, Oak Hill, Madison. Leaksville, Wentworth, Yanceyville, Griers, Bethesda, Stoney Creek, Wilson, Nal alah, Warrenton, Winston, Croaton, La Grange, Haywood, Speedwell, Louisburg, Horeb, Elkin, Littleton.—50.

Of the Presbytery of Concord the following Ministers were absent: B L. Beall, W A. Wood, D. D., J. Rumple, D. D., Wm. W. Pharr, W. B. Tidball, L. McKinnon, D. D., L. K. Glasgow, J. W. Davis, D. D., C. M. Payne, A. Walker White, R. S. Arrowood, C. M. Tidball.

The following Churches were not represented: Centre, Prospect, Newton, Mooresville, Unity, Franklin, Lenoir, Bethesda, Bethany, Troutman's, Tabor, Norwood, Beulah, Lebanon, Forest, Mizpah, Taylorsville, Wilkesboro, New Salem, Bethphage, Concord (Iredelle,) Shiloh, Clio, Third Creek, Fifth Creek, Rocky River, Zion, Marion, Old Fort, Siloam, Davidson College, Bethel, Mockville, Drusilla, Turkey Cove, Salem.—36.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. A. RAMSAY,[2]	J. K. Graham,[2]	Thyatira.
	J. K. Goodman,[2]	Back Creek.
W. R. MCLELLAND,		
J. L. WILLIAMSON,	N. Johnston,	Poplar Tent.
W. B. ARROWOOD,[2]	8	
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III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

	H. H. Hodgin,[2]	Antioch.
	A. D. McLeod,	Philadelphus.
J. P. MCPHERSON,[2]	John Darrock,	Barbacue.
NEILL MCKAY, D. D.		
D. D. MCBRYDE,[2]	W. J. Smith,	Bluff.
	J. P. Hodges,[2]	Sardis.
MARTIN MCQUEEN.[2]		
	S. E. Jonhston,	Union.
JAMES MCQUEEN,[2]	Dougald Shaw,	St. Andrews.
JOSEPH EVANS,[2]	J. A. McKay,	Ashpole.
A. MCQUEEN,	Maj. H. Eachern,	Lumber Bridge.
*JOHN H. COBLE,	A. M. McKinnon,	Laurinburg.
H. G. HILL, D. D.,[3]	P. P. Smith.[2]	Centre.
	J. C. McCaskill,	Maxton.
	Geo. L. McKoy,	Bethlehem.
DAVID FAIRLEY,[3]		
	M. McLeod,	Sandy Grove
J. H. COLTON.		
A. N. FURGESON,	Murdock Morrison,	Laurel Hill.
	Peter McRea,[2]	Smyrna.
WM. S. LACY,	R. N. Buie,	Buffalo.
	J. R. Watson,	Jonesboro.
J. S. BLACK,	Lauchlin McDonald,	Big Rockfish.
	A. H. McLeod,	Lumberton.

Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville the following Ministers were absent: Hector McLean, A. McMillan, N. T. Bowden, K. M. McIntyre.—4.

The following Churches were not represented: Salem, Tirzah, Flat Branch, Carthage, Cameron, Culdee, Mt. Pisgah, White Hill, Iona, Lebanon, Church of the Covenant, Galatia, Long Street, Cypress, China Grave, Montpelier, Pee Dee, Sharon, Ben Salem, Macedonia, Euphonia, St Paul's, Mt. Tabor, Mineral Spring, Rockingham, Harmony, Mt. Carmel, Mark's Creek, MacPherson.—29.

*Deceased.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
	J. D. Johnston,	Sherwood.
A. L. PHILLIPS.	G. P. McNeill,	Fayetteville.
A. R. SHAW,	M. McNeill.	Bethesda.
16	John D. McLeod,	Bethel.
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IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

	J. W. Cowan,	Burgaw.
B. F. MARABLE, D. D.,$_2$	Warren Johnston,	Clinton.
A. M. McFADGEN,	W. N. Whitted,	Beth-Carr.
G. W. McMILLAN,		
K. McDONALD,		
J. W. PRIMROSE,	Rob't McDougald.,$_2$	Wilmington, 2nd.
P. H. HOYE,	John McLaurin,$_2$	Wilmington, first.
6	I. R. Faison,	Union.
	T. B. Hyman,	Goldsboro.
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V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

	Col. Jno. E. Brown,$_2$	Charlotte, first.
R. Z. JOHNSTON,	T. H. Hake,	Lincolnton.
W. E. McILWAINE,^{2}		

Of the Presbytery of Wilmington the following Ministers were absent: Colin Shaw, D. B. Black, James Kelly, J. D. Stanford, J. J. Nines, Peter McIntyre.—6.

The following Churches were not represented: Mt. Zion, Oakplain, Duplin Road, Hopewell, Rockfish, Pike, Elizabethtown, White Plains, Mt. Olive, Warsaw, Clarkton, Mt. Horeb, Grove, Casewell, Black River Chapel, Keith, Harmony, Chinquepin, Cobbs Mills, Richlands, South River Chapel, Sutton's Branch, White Hall, Seminary, Union, Chadbourn, Topsail, Mt. Williams, Newport, New River, North River, Whiteville.—32.

Of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg the following Ministers were absent; R. H. Morrison, D. D., J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, Wm. Graves, A. W. Miller, D. D., G. D. Parks, D. T. Towles, J. J. Kennedy, W. H. Davis, G. S, Robinson, Wm. R. Atkinson, D. P. Robinson, J. M. McLean, A. M. Watson, C. W. Robinson, J. N. Campbell, E. A. Sample, T. A. Wharton, W. O. Cochran, R. A. Fair, W. S. P. Bryan.- 21.

The following Churches were not represented: Sharon. Amity, Dallas, Goshen. Olney, Long Creek, Davidson River, Gastonia, New Hope, Pineville, Pleasant Hill, Paw Creek, Union, Williams Memorial, Wadesboro, Morven, Shelby, Shiloh, King's Mountain, Mallard Creek, Sugar Creek, Rutherfordton, Mathews, Philadelphia, Franklin, Morrison, Waynesville, Bethel, Steele Creek, Asheville, Hiwassee, Hendersonville, Mills River, Red Oak, Oak Forest, Swannanoa, Sandy Plains, Little Brittain, Duncan's Creek, Hephzibah, Macphelah, Unity, Castanea Grove, Monroe, Bethlehem, Hunterville, Ramah, Charleston.—48.

ROLL OF SYNOD. ORGANIZATION.

S. TAYLOR MARTIN.		
R. A MILLER,	J. W. Moore,[2]	Hopewell.
G. L. COOK.		
A. G. BUCKNER.[2]		
E. P. DAVIS.		
R. B. MORROW.		
P. R. LAW.		
J. L. MCLEES,	J. T. Kell,	Providence.
J. Y. FAIR,[2]	J. F. Johnston,	Charlotte, 2nd.
11	Dr. F. O. Hawley,	Polkton.
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Ministers, 59; Ruling Elders, 62: Total, 121.

The Rev. R. Z. Johnston, of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, was chosen Moderator.

The Rev. Alexander Sprunt, of the Presbytery of Orange, and J. F. Johnston, Ruling Elder, Charlotte, Second Church, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The hours of daily Sessions were fixed as follows: That Synod convene at 9:30 A. M., and take recess at 1 P. M.; meet at 3 P. M., and take recess at 5:30 P. M.; then meet at 7:30 P. M., and adjourn at will.

The Rev. M. H. Houston, D. D., of the Synod of Ky., and the Rev. J. C. McMullen, of the Synod of S. C. were invited to sit as corresponding members, and were introduced t the Synod.

It was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow (Wednes day) night to hear the Rev. S. Taylor Martin, in behalf o the Fifth Professorship in Union Theological Seminary, Va.

It was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow (Wednes day) at 11:30 A. M., to hear the Rev. M. H. Houston, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Foreign Missions.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning a 9:30 o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, Oct. 26th, 1887.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at 9:30 A. M., and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Records of Presbyteries were received and referred.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES.—J. W. Primrose, A. McQueen, J. T. Kell.

2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—Neill McKay, D. D., C. A. Monroe, A. C. Avery.

3. ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.—F. H. Johnston, D. D., J. S. Black, T. H. Hoke.

4. SYSTEMATIC BENIFICENCE.—J. L. McLees, A. McFadyen, C. E. Houston.

5. UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—J. Henry Smith, D. D., A. R. Shaw, H. McEachern.

6. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—P. R. Law, S. M. Smith, E. R. Stamps.

7. TREASURER'S BOOKS.—Wm. S. Lacy, Wm. Murdock, D. Shaw.

8. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—A. L. Phillips, J. H. Colton, G. P. McNeill.

9. STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.—T. J. Allison, J. H. Coble, E. W. Smith.

10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—R. B. Morrow, A. Currie, A. Buie.

11. SYNODICAL RECORDS.—H. T. Darnall, S. T. Martin.

Moderator announced the following Committees on

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

ORANGE.—W. R. McLelland, J. W. Cowan, Dr. T. T. Hay.

CONCORD.—A. N. Furguson, R. A. Miller, J. C. Wharton.

FAYETTEVILLE.—L. C. Vass, D. D., R. P. Pell, W. F. Hall.

WILMINGTON.—J. N. H. Summerell, W. F. Wilhelm, R. C. Rankin.

MECKLENBURG.—P. H. Hoge, J. L. Williamson, N. Johnston.

Statistical reports from the Presbytery were presented, and referred to the Committee on Statistical Reports. (Appendix, Paper A.)

Narratives of the State of Religion from the Presbyteries were presented and referred to the Committee appointed to prepare an address to the Churches.

Reports on Systematic beneficence from the Prsbyteries were presented, and referred to the Committee on Systematic beneficence. (See Appendix, Paper B.)

A Complaint from Rev. J. W. Primrose and ruling Elder, John McLaurin, against an action of Wilmington Presbytery was read and referred to the Judicial Committee. It is as follows:

To the Venerable Synod of North Carolina, in Session at Fayetteville, N. C., Oct. 25th, 1887:

The Subscribers beg leave to make complaint against the action of Wilmington Presbytery as recorded in its minutes of the meeting in Whiteville, N. C., Oct. 12-14, 1887.

It is entered on said minutes that "the Committee to examine Walter P. King on the languages and the different trial pieces assigned him (*i. e.* Greek Critical and Latin Thesis) reported that he had done so and recommended that it be not sustained as satisfactory, adopted. Thereupon it is subsequently recorded:—

COMPLAINT OF REV. J. W. PRIMROSE AND J. McLAURIN.

"Mr. Walter P. King, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, having satisfactorily passed all the examinations except those on the languages, and it appearing to Presbytery that his College course had been mainly Scientific, and that for a number of years he had been engaged in studies wholly Scientific, in which he had attained to great proficiency, Presbytery took order for his license under the head of extraordinary cases, and he was duly licensed as a probationer for the Gospel ministry."

The subscribers complain of the above action because of its *unconstitutionality*, inasmuch as the Presbytery thereby assumed to itself the right to lower the standard of literary qualifications, in accepting a partial and scientific course instead of the complete course which demands a knowledge of the Latin language, and the original languages of the Holy Scriptures.

If this action of the Presbytery be not unconstitutional, then it is competent for Presbyteries to license, under the head of extraordinary cases, any candidates who do not pass all the required examination *solely* upon the ground that in *some* of the required studies they have obtained proficiency.

The subscribers complain also that the reason assigned for the action of Presbytery are *invalid*, inasmuch as they suffice only to *initiate* the inquiry whether the case should be treated as extraordinary—Form of Gov't Ch. 6, Sec. 6, Par. 6. In other words, the Presbytery only admitted that the usual course had not been completed, and gave *no* reasons for regarding the case as extraordinary.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN W. PRIMROSE,
JOHN McLAURIN.

The following Overture from Orange Presbytery was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully overtures the Synod of North Carolina on the following point, viz:

Is it admissible under any circumstances, other than in

the case of Foreign missionaries, to license and ordain a candidate for the ministry, at the same meeting of the presbytery? F. H. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Committee on Union Theological Seminary. (See Appendix, Paper C)

A Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs F. H. Johnston, D. D., Wm. S. Lacy, P. R. Law, J. W. Primrose, and Ruling Elder A. C. Avery, was appointed to prepare a memorial of the late Jesse H. Lindsay, Treasurer of Synod, and also to nominate a successor to Mr. Lindsay.

It was made the Order of the Day for Friday afternoon to hear the Report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools, and addresses in connection therewith.

The Committee on Statistical Reports offered the following partial report, which was adopted:

Your Committee recommend the following committees to be appointed to prepare suitable minutes touching the death of the brethren deceased since the last meeting of Synod.

On the Death of Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D.—Rev. R. B. Morrow and James F. Johnston.

On the Death of Rev. W. A. McDonald.—Rev. P. R. Law and Dr. J. T. Kell.

On the Death of Rev. J. C. Alexander.—Rev. L. C. Vass, D. D., and J. A. White.

On the Death of Rev. C. H. Wiley, D. D.—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., and E. R. Stamps.

On the Death of Rev. J. D. Currie.—Rev. A. McQueen and J. C. McCaskill.

Immediately after the Synodical Communion on Thursday night, was fixed as the time for hearing the memorials of the deceased members of the Synod.

It was made the Order of the Day for Thursday at 10 a. m. to hear the Editor of the "North Carolina Presbyterian" in the interests of that paper.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., presented the Report of the Agent of Publication and Colportage, Rev. J. S. Watkins, D. D., which was read and approved. (See Appendix, Paper D.)

A special Committee, consisting of Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., P. H. Hoge, and Ruling Elder R. C. Rankin, was appointed to prepare some action for Synod in reference to advancing the work of Publication and Colportage in the Synod.

It was made the Order of the Day for Friday night to hear the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions, and addresses on that subject

A recess was taken for five minutes.

After recess, the Synod heard Rev. M. H. Houston, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Foreign Mission.

Synod then took recess till 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met after recess.

It was made the First Order of the Day for to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon to hear the report of the Agent of Sustentation.

It was made the Order of the Day for Friday 10 a. m. to hear the report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labor.

Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m. was fixed as the time for hearing the "Address or Sermon" of Rev. Wm. E. McIlwaine on "The duty of the Church in securing a larger number of efficient Ministers, (minutes 1886, page 27.)

The Committee to examine the Records of Synod, Rev. H. T. Darnall, Chairman, reported that they have not had the written Records in their hands, but that they have had a certified printed copy which has been submitted to the Gene-

ral Assembly, and has been approved by the Assembly, and bears the name of the Moderator of that body, and find nothing in the Records, as printed, worthy of criticism. The report was adopted.

It was made the Order of the Day for Friday at 12 o'clock m. to hear the Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., in the interests of Davidson College and Christian Education.

A Complaint against a certain action of Mecklenburg Presbytery was read and referred to the Judicial Committee. It is as follows:

To the Venerable Synod of North Carolina, in session at Fayetteville, N. C., October 25th, 1887:

The undersigned respectfully complain against the following action of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg (See Records. Vol. III, p. 333.)

"Our Sessions are hereby enjoined to refuse to admit to church membership, or retain within the pale of the church, those who, after admonition, persist in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or who rent their houses, either wholly or in part; or who frequent drinking saloons, either habitually or occasionally;" on the ground, that said action is unconstitutional.

G. L. COOK, J. P. PYRON,
J. W. HARRIS, G. S. ROBINSON,
WM. H. MICHOL, R. Z. JOHNSTON,
C. W. ROBINSON.

The Committee to nominate a successor to the late Jesse H. Lindsay, Treasurer of Synod, reported, recommending Mr. W. S. Primrose, Ruling Elder in the First church Raleigh, Whereupon Mr. Primrose was unanimously elected the Treasurer of Synod.

Goldsboro was chosen as the place, and Wednesday, October 24th, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. as the time for the next meeting of the Synod.

The Rev. Thos. H. Law of the Synod of South Carolina, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to Synod.

The Rev. J. T. Gibbs of the M. E. church, South, was invited to sit as a visiting member, and was introduced to the Synod.

It was made the first Order of the Day for Saturday to hear the Rev. Thos. H. Law in the interests of the American Bible Society.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Secretary of Foreign missions, a committee of five, one from each Presbytery, was appointed to make arrangements for simultaneous meetings in February next, in the interests of Foreign missions.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, W. E. McIlwaine, J. W. Primrose, R. W. Boyd, and L. C. Vass, D. D., were appointed said committee.

Synod took recess until after public worship to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

After public worship, Synod convened, and heard the Rev. S. Taylor Martin, Agent of Union Theological Seminary in the interest of the Fifth Professorship in that Institution.

The Judicial Committee, the Rev. N. McKay, D. D., Chairman, presented the following report:

Your Committee after examining the Complaint of Rev. G. L. Cook and others against the action of Mecklenburg Presbytery, find that the Complainants have on their part, conducted the complaint regularly, and recommend that the following order of proceedure be adopted in passing upon the complaint:

1.—That the record of the case be read by the Clerk.

2.—That the Complainants be heard for a half hour.

3 —That the Respondent be heard for an hour.

4.—That the Complainants be heard for a half hour in reply.

5.—Synod "shall then take up and consider the case."

RESOLUTIONS.

It seems to your Committee in reviewing the action of Mecklenburg Presbytery that two distinct Constitutional questions are presented, and we therefore recommend that the vote be taken as follows: 1—Shall the action of Mecklenburg Presbytery be annulled as unconstitutional in so far as it relates to the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage? 2—Shall the action of said Presbytery be annulled in so far as it relates to renting houses for the sale of intoxicating liquors or frequenting saloons?

This report was received and docketed.

The Synod then adjourned till to-morrow 9:30 a. m. and was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY.

Thursday, Oct. 27th, 1887.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. The Order of the Day was taken up, and Mr. John McLaurin, Editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, was heard in the interests of that paper.

The following action was thereupon taken:

Synod having heard with pleasure the statements made by Mr. John McLaurin, Editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, touching the circulation, condition and prospects of that paper, hereby expresses its deep interest in the *Presbyterian* as a wise, conservative and sound representative of the welfare, faith and polity of our beloved Zion, therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we do heartily commend the *Presbyterian* to all our people; and express our decided opinion that its wide circulation and reading will greatly stimulate and advance all the important Church interests and enterprises.

Resolved, 2nd, That we do advise all our Ministers, Elders and Dea-

cons, to endeavor to put a paper in every Presbyterian family in the State; and that they assist the Editor in every practicable way to sustain the paper financially and keep it in the front rank of our Church Journals.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, recommending the following answer to the Overture from Orange Presbytery:

Inasmuch as the Form of Gov't, Chap. 6, Sec. 6, Par. 1, declares that the object of licensure is to give the candidate an opportunity of trying his gifts, that in due time, after receiving from the Church a good report, he may be ordained, therefore under no circumstances, even in the case of a Foreign missionary is it admissible to license and ordain a candidate at the same meeting of Presbytery.

This report was received and docketed.

A recess of five minutes was taken.

After recess the Synod met and resumed business.

The following Overture from certain members of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

We, the undersigned, respectfully overture the Synod of North Carolina to answer the following question, viz:

Is Licensure an indispensible prerequisite to Ordination?

S. M. SMITH, J. N. H. SUMMERELL,
ROB'T P. PELL, S. H. CHESTER,
ALEX. SPRUNT, W. F. THOM,
E. R. STAMPES.

The Order of the Day was then announced, and Synod heard a sermon by Rev. W. E. McIlwaine on "The Duty of the Church in securing a larger number of efficient Ministers."

After this sermon, the annual Report of the Agent of Education, Rev. W. E. McIlwaine, was presented. The report was received and approved and the recommendation adopted. It is as follows:

RESOLUTIONS, &c.

Resolved, That the last Thursday in January, the day appointed by the General Assembly for prayer for our Youth in Institutions of learning, or some other suitable day, be observed in all our churches; and on that occasion the attendance of congregations be called to the great need of our church, for more Ministers, and their duty to "Pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth more laborers into His harvest."

The following Resolutions found on page 26, minutes of 1886, which was docketed for consideration at this meeting were taken up and adopted:

Resolved, 4th, That Ministers and Sessions be urged to look out, aid and encourage suitable young men for the work of the Ministry.

Resolved, 5th, That Churches and Committees be urged to establish and maintain, wherever practicable, Classical Schools for the preparation of young men for entrance into College.

Resolved, 6th, That Presbyterial Committees be requested to secure more liberal contributions to the cause of Education from all our Churches.

The following Resolution touching the sermon of the Rev. W. E. McIlwain was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be extended to Rev. W. E. McIlwaine for his well-digested Address on the subject of the need of more laborers in the Gospel Ministry, and that he be requested to prepare an abstract of it for publication in the *North Carolina Presbyterian*.

A recess was then taken till 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess the Synod met for business.

The Trustees of Synod presented the following report:

To the Synod of North Carolina, held at Fayetteville, N. C., October 25th, 1887:

Your Trustees respectfully report, that they have no funds belonging to Synod, and that they have not had their attention called to any business requiring their action since the last report.

Respectfully submitted. JOHN E. BROWN, Ch'mn.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION AND UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

A Committee consisting of Rev. P. R. Law, W. B. Arrowood and Ruling Elder W. F. Hall, was appointed to nominate Trustees of Synod.

The Agent of Sustentation, Rev. J. M. Wharey, submitted his report, which was received, approved and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the minutes (See appendix, Paper D. III.)

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary, Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., Chairman, presented their report, which was received, approved and the recommendation adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee on Union Theological Seminary respectfully report:

The annual report of the Trustees and Directors of Union Theological Seminary for the year ending May 4th, 1887, affords the Synod of North Carolina great pleasure at the information it conveys of the continued and increased prosperity of this important institution, both in the matter of its financial condition, the general good health of its Professors and Students; its valuable library of over 1400 volumes; its 20 or 25 Scholarships to aid in the support of our needy candidates, and the larger number of Students than for several years past.

For all which the Synod would and does hereby render its hearty and devout thanksgiving to God.

Our Seminary has never been in a more flourishing condition financially, nor has been in a better condition to offer its peculiar advantages for theological culture and Bible knowledge and study to our candidates for the ministry; never has been more deserving of the interest, prayers, liberality and personal efforts of our members for its wide patronage than at present, and never were its prospects more encouraging.

The Synod heartily and unreservedly commends Union Theological Seminary as *our own* Seminary, its Professors, Students and Director to the continued favor of God, to a larger measure yet of divine blessing, and to the continued and increased confidence and love of all our people.

Its very existence, its growth and greatly enlarged patronage lie at the foundation of our growth and power as a part of the church of God,

divinely commissioned and commanded to spread the Gospel and enlarge His kingdom at home and abroad.

The Synod would also again and heartily commend to all our Ministers, Sessions, churches and individuals, the effort now making throughout the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia, and elsewhere to complete the endowment of the Fifth Professorship, and would urge special and earnest efforts between this date and the meeting of the Directors and Trustees next May, to effect their object.

The following Directors of the Fourth Class go out of office at this meeting, to-wit: Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy and Wm. Murdock, Ruling Elder; as your Committee have been appointed to recommend Directors to fill these vacancies, we would recommend the reappointment of Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, and in the place of Wm. Murdock, Col. Wm. J. Martin of Davidson College.

The Special Committee on Publication and Colportage submitted the following report, which was received and adopted.

On the subject of *Colportage*, your Committee recommend the following action to be taken by the Synod:

The Synod expresses its high appreciation of the valuable and effective services of Dr. Jas. K. Hazen, Secretary of our General Assembly's Committee on Publication,—its gratification and thanks to God for our triumphs over debt, loss, doubt, difficulties and discouragement; and that this department of church extension is now in a condition of renewed prosperity and enlarged influence that calls for responsive and corresponding efforts and for thankfulness to God. Next to the sending out of Ministers is the sending out of the printed page. All over the land, publications of all sorts are circulating; these books and their distributors are found on the cars, in our streets, in our houses. All denominations too, are actively employed. We meet their agencies everywhere; but owing to our financial difficulties in years past we have been able to do and have done but little—very little in this way.

The Synod urges most earnestly and enjoins upon all our Presbyteries, and would exhort all our Ministers, churches and families to adopt measures, and give their countenance and support in the inaugu-

ration and prosecution of the work of Colportage as far as their resources may admit, and in every field that opens, or that may be opened for them by the Providence of God. We heartily commend the work of Colportage and the books, issues, papers, &c., of our own Committee of Publication. J. HENRY SMITH, Chairman.

The Committee on Statistical Reports, Rev. T. J. Allison, Chairman, presented their report, which was received and approved, and is as follows:

The Committee on Statistical Reports beg leave to submit the following report:

1. The number of Ministers in the Presbytery of Orange is 33; Concord, 21; Fayetteville, 20; Mecklenburg, 32; Wilmington, 12. Total, 118.

2. The number of Churches in the Presbytery of Orange is 67; Concord, 44; Fayetteville, 53; Mecklenburg, 54; Wilmington, 39; Total, 257.

3. The number of Licentiates in the Presbytery of Orange is 1; Concord, 3; Fayetteville, none; Mecklenburg, 2; Wilmington, 3. Total, 8.

4. The number of Candidates in the Presbytery of Orange is 9; Concord 5; Fayetteville 7; Mecklenburg, 10; Wilmington, 3. Total 34.

5. The number of Communicants in the Presbytery of Orange is 4561; Concord, 4085; Fayetteville, 4991; Mecklenburg, 5929; Wilmington, 2341. Total, 21,907.

6. The aggregate of all the funds raised in the Presbytery of Orange is $33,177; Concord, $23,840; Fayetteville, $16,448.26; Mecklenburg $36,242; Wilmington, $17,185. Total, $126,892.26.

7. The number added to the church in the Presbytery of Orange is 471; Concord, 265; Fayetteville, 389; Mecklenburg, 467; Wilmington, 214. Total, 1806.

8. Ministers received—Orange, 2; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 3; Wilmington, 1. Total,7.

9. Ministers transferred—Concord, 1; Mecklenburg, 2; Wilmington, 2. Total, 5.

10. Churches Organized—Orange, 1; Concord, 1; Wilmington, 3. Total, 5.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICAL REPORTS.

11. One church dissolved in Orange Presbytery. In the same Presbytery the name of "Company Shops" church was changed to "Burlington."

12. Licentiates transferred—Concord, 1; Mecklenburg, 1. Total 2.

13. Candidates received—Orange, 3; Concord, 2; Fayetteville, 2; Mecklenburg, 2; Wilmington, 3. Total, 12.

14. Candidates transferred—Orange, 1; Concord, 1. Total, 2.

15. Ministers deceased—Orange, 2; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 2. Total, 5.

16. Ordinations—Orange, 2; Concord, 1; Fayetteville, 1; Wilmington, 1. Total, 5.

17. Installations—Orange, 4; Concord, 2; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 3; Wilmington, 1. Total, 11.

18. Dissolution of the Pastoral relation—Orange, 2; Concord, 5; Mecklenburg, 1; Wilmington, 4. Total, 12.

19. The number of Licensures—Orange, 1; Concord, 3; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 3; Wilmington, 2. Total, 10.

20. Ministers in charge of churches—Orange, 28 Ministers in charge of 55 churches; Concord, 15 Ministers in charge of 31 churches; Fayetteville, 20 in charge of 51 churches; Mecklenburg, 22 in charge of 44 churches; Wilmington, 12 in charge of 32 churches.

21. Number of Pastors—Orange, 21; Concord, 13; Fayetteville, 9; Mecklenburg, 14; Wilmington, 6. Total, 63.

22. Number of Stated Supplies—Orange, 1; Concord, 2; Fayetteville, 7; Mecklenburg, 4; Wilmington, 6. Total, 20.

23. Number of Evangelists—Orange, 6; Concord, 2; Fayetteville, 1; Mecklenburg, 4. Total, 13.

24. Number of Licentiates—Concord, 3; Mecklenburg, 2; Wilmington, 2. Total, 7.

25. Concord Presbytery has 1 Foreign Missionary and 1 College President; Fayetteville has 1 Pastor Elect, and 2 Ministers engaged in teaching; Mecklenburg has 1 Minister as Agent of Union Seminary, and 1 as Principal of a Female College.

26. Number of churches vacant—Orange, 6; Concord, 9; Fayetteville, 2; Mecklenburg, 10; Wilmington, 7. Total, 34.

27. Average Salary paid Ministers in charge of churches—Orange, $780.00; Concord, $885.00; Fayetteville, $700.00; Mecklenburg,

$783.00; Wilmington, $834.90. Total, $780.58.

28. Manses—Orange, 17; Concord, 14; Fayetteville, 2; Mecklenburg, 17; Wilmington, 3. Total, 53.

29. Value of Manses—Orange, $40,050.00; Concord, $21,700.00; Fayetteville, $4,500.00; Mecklenburg, $35,000.00; Wilmington, $8,500.00. Total, $109,750.00.

30. Number of Counties in which there is neither Presbyterian church, nor Minister—Orange, 21; Concord, 5; Mecklenburg, 4; Wilmington, 1. Total, 31.

Your Committee would call attention of Synod to the following facts:

1. That of the 33 Ministers in Orange Presbytery, 21 are Pastors, 1 a Stated Supply, 6 are Evangelists, and 5 infirm and without charge.

2. That of the 21 Ministers in Concord Presbytery, 13 are Pastors, 2 Stated Supplies, 2 are Evangelists, 1 a Foreign Missionary, 1 a College President, and 2 infirm and without charge.

3. That of the 20 Ministers in Fayetteville Presbytery, 9 are Pastors, 7 are Stated Supplies, 1 an Evangelist, 1 a Pastor Elect, and 2 are Teachers.

4. That of the 32 Ministers in Mecklenburg Presbytery, 14 are Pastors, 4 are Stated Supplies, 4 are Evangelists, 1 an Agent, 1 a College President, and 8 infirm and without charge.

5. That of the 12 Ministers in Wilmington Presbytery, 6 are Pastors and 6 are Stated Supplies.

6. That of the aggregate amount of funds raised by Orange Presbytery there are $2,677.00 less than the preceding year. By Concord, $15.00 more; by Fayetteville, $1,768.81 more; by Mecklenburg, $1,244.00 less; by Wilmington, $1,726.51 more, making $13,410.68 less than last year.

7. The next Stated meeting of Orange Presbytery, will be held at Greensboro, N. C. Of Concord, at Franklin church; of Fayetteville, at Jonesboro; of Mecklenburg, at Sugar Creek church; of Wilmington, at Cobbs Mills church.

The Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., of the Synod of South Carolina, was invited to sit as a Corresponding member and introduced to the Synod.

The Report of the Judicial Committee, Rev. N. McKay, D.

D., Chairman, touching the Complaint against Mecklenburg Presbytery was taken from the docket, amended and adopted.

Synod then took recess until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

In accordance with a Standing Rule of the Synod, it is made the Order of the Day for Thursday evening to hold the Synodical Communion.

After a sermon by the Rev. Jas Y. Fair, the Synod united in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The second Order of the Day was then announced, to-wit: Memorials of Deceased Ministers, and of the late Treasurer.

The following minutes touching the death of Ministers of the Synod, deceased since the last meeting, and also of Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, late Treasurer of the Synod, were reported by their respective Committees:

REV. WALTER W. PHARR, D. D.

The REV. WALTER WELLINGTON PHARR, D. D. was born in Cabarrus County, N. C. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1839, and from Union Theological Seminary, Va., in 1842. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Concord in October, 1842, and ordained and installed Pastor of Poplar Tent church by the same Presbytery in October, 1843. He remained in this, his first Pastoral charge, 15 years; when in 1857, he accepted a call and was installed Pastor of Statesville (then Fourth Creek) church. Here Bro. Pharr remained till 1869, when he accepted calls from Ramah and Mallard Creek churches.

In May, 1884, he became seriously affected and died from a paralytic stroke on November 10th, 1886.

For near 45 years Bro. Pharr was a faithful and successful Minister

of the glorious Gospel of Salvation, especially was he successful in bringing souls into the Kingdom of Christ. Warm-hearted and generous in his disposition, he gathered around him a large number of true friends.

A man of God, a man of faith, abundant in work.

He will be greatly missed in all the departments of Christian activity. Let us thank God for the example of his life—for the testimony he bore in life and death to the almighty power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and cherish his memory, as one who served well his generation and fell asleep beloved of all who knew him.

REV. JAMES CALVIN ALEXANDER.

Since our last meeting this beloved Brother has been called from the trials and worship on earth, to the rest, worship and song of the better land.

MR. ALEXANDER was born in Lincolnton, N. C., Oct. 2nd, 1832, and died at his home in Guilford County, N. C., in the 55th year of his age, on the 15th of November, 1886. He was educated at Davidson College, and then attended both Union and Columbia Theological Seminaries; was licensed by Concord Presbytery in 1859; was transferred to Orange Presbytery in 1861, and in July of that year was ordained and installed Pastor of Buffalo and Bethel churches in its bounds. In this charge he continued until his death, a period of more than twenty-five years.

Mr. Alexander was a zealous workman; practical, pointed, earnest and judicious in his pulpit ministrations, with a constant aim to win souls for Christ and build up saints in personal holiness. His people loved him, for they felt that he loved them, and thus he was enabled, when necessary, to administer discipline without offense.

In Orange Presbytery he was a trusted counsellor, so that into his hands was largely committed the conduct of its Home Mission work.

Bro. Alexander died suddenly at his home, without being able to speak any parting word to the loving ones dumb with surprise, and

shaken with helpless grief around his lifeless body. The day before his death he had preached to the Bethel congregation. But this quick passage was to him no fatal surprise. Our Brother had an honorable name in his community, and a good report in the church of God. His life was an index of his peace with God, and communion with his Saviour.

So has passed from us a Brother of most loveable character, of fruitful and exemplary life, with his harness on, and his lamp trimmed and burning. "So He giveth His beloved sleep."

REV. W. A. McDONALD.

The Synod of North Carolina has been called upon to mourn the loss of one of its most beloved brethren since its last meeting in the death of REV. W. A. MCDONALD.

On the 9th day of February, 1887, in the 55th year of his age, and 25th year of his only pastorate, he ceased from his labors, was made perfect in holiness and passed into glory.

The Synod would inscribe in its records its high appreciation of his life and character, and perpetuate the memory of his useful labors and ennobling example.

He was modest and retiring in his deportment, sweet and genial in his disposition, and active and sympathetic in his impulses. His preaching of the Gospel in the Sanctuary and from house to house was eminently characterized by an evangelical spirit.

As a worker he was notably industrious and laborious.

His long pastorate of one of our largest country churches and the warm affection felt for him by all classes of his flock attest the great usefulness of his labors and the purity of his life.

When apparently only a little past the meridian of life, he fell, deeply mourned not only by his own flock he had served so long and well, but by the whole region of country where he had spent his entire ministerial career, by his Presbytery and by this Synod.

We would bless God that this gift has been made to the church, and

now that the Brother has been removed, we would humbly submit to the will of Him Who doeth all things well and say, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

REV. C. H. WILEY, D. D.

It is with no ordinary sense of loss and feeling of sorrow that the Synod would record a tribute to the memory of the REV. CALVIN H. WILEY, D. D., deceased since the last meeting.

Although our Brother was never fully identified with the work of the ministry proper as a Pastor, or Evangelist, yet as a Preacher of the Gospel he was active and abundant in labors, not only in his native State, but elsewhere and wherever in the providence of God the opportunity was presented; whether in connection with his Agency in the Bible cause which employed the latter years of his life, or in connection with his office as Superintendent of the Common Schools of North Carolina, held for many years previous. Allied as are both of these causes with the religious interests of humanity they furnished him the occasion, which he was not slow to use, for instructing the people in sound Biblical views of Education and the true end of life.

His death becomes thus a loss to the church at large, as in a peculiar way one of its most widely known and useful Ministers; and to this commonwealth as one of its distinguished citizens and large benefactors. He did a noble work for both.

Dr. Wiley was a man of wide abilities and gifts by nature and by acquirement—a thoughtful and instructive expounder of God's word—of sound, conservative views upon all matters of policy affecting the interests of society, and earnestly and unselfishly devoted to his work.

In personal traits he was marked for his genial disposition and affable bearing, his readiness to serve, his simple, unpretending manner; and withal, his humble but expressive piety, loyalty to Christ, and loving sympathy with all that related to the uplifting of his fellow-men.

A life like this could have but one ending, and that ending—peaceful entering into the everlasting rest of the Saints—we are sure was our Brother's.

We bless God that we are permitted to cherish the memory of him as of the righteous that shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

REV. JOHN D. CURRIE.

JOHN DUNCAN CURRIE was born of Scotch Presbyterian Parents, David Currie and Lovedy McCallum Currie, in upper Robeson County, on the 26th day of June, 1854, and died in the City of Richmond, Va. on the 25th day of December, 1886, aged 32 years, 6 months and 1 day.

Young Currie early exhibited a fondness for literary pursuits, marked by a solid, high-toned moral and religious character. He entered his first Boarding School at Tuscalum in his native county, under the management of Rev. Malcolm McNair. On leaving this Academy, he taught school for a few sessions in the bounds of Smyrna and St. Paul's congregations; entering the Freshman College, half advanced, in Davidson College in the year 1878.

He was graduated by that Institution on the 16th day of June, 1881, and entered the Theological Seminary at Hampden Sydney, Va. in September of the same year.

He completed his Theological course at the Seminary in April, 1884, and met the Presbytery of Fayetteville at Mineral Spring church in Moore county, in the same month. Stood all the examinations, with credit to himself and great satisfaction to the Presbytery, and was duly licensed as a Probationer for the Gospel ministry on the 11th day of April, 1884.

The field of labor to which he was first called, was composed of the churches of Mineral Spring, Mt. Carmel, Harmony and Mark's Creek, in the counties of Moore and Richmond. This group of churches he served with great acceptance, and all the fidelity his impaired and feeble state of health would admit. On the 7th day of May, 1885, in the same church in which he was licensed and by the same Presbytery, he was ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry, and installed Pastor of Mineral Spring church.

His people soon learned to love him as a man, as a Preacher, and as a Pastor.

It is a great comfort, even in the midst of sorrow, to read in their letters and in their communications, the beautiful expressions of confidence, love and esteem in which he was held by his devoted people.

One says, "The people here all loved him, and were devoted to him." Another says, "He loved to preach the pure Gospel of Christ; he preached modestly, affectionately and tenderly." And still another says, "He attained in our eyes, through affliction, through continued failing physical strength, such ripeness in the christian life, such entire self-consecration, as marked him among a thousand, as a devoted follower of the meek and lowly One." But insidious disease was doing its fatal work: the heroic struggle he had kept up for years, against physical weakness, was fast sacrificing the flesh to mental effort, and a longing desire to preach that Jesus Whom he loved. By the consent of his Physician, his people and his Presbytery, he placed himself under the medical treatment of that eminent Physician, Dr. Hunter McGuire, in the city of Richmond, with the hope that his health might be restored. But God had determined otherwise, and the many fond hopes, and anxious prayers that followed were doomed to disappointment, by the simple telegram to his father, "He is dying." His mortal remains reached his father's residence Monday evening, December 27th and were buried at Bethel church on Tuesday following, surrounded by a large concourse of weeping relatives and sorrowing friends.

In view of the Providence that has stricken down this young Brother, in the morning of his days, and upon the threshold of his usefulness, we bow with reverence and submission to the Sovereign will of God, and say "The Judge of all the earth doeth right."

REV. JESSE H. LINDSAY.

The Synod heard with deep sorrow of its loss in the death of MR. JESSE H. LINDSAY, the Treasurer of Synod, and Ruling Elder in the church of Greensboro, Presbytery of Orange.

Many years of service as a faithful officer of the Synod, and as a fre-

quent member of it during 35 years past, made Bro. Lindsay to be widely known throughout our bounds. And he was a man whom it was a high privilege to have known. He was, as all who knew him will testify, the model of a christian and gentleman; of grave and dignified bearing, yet kind and gracious in his deportment; of incorruptible and unimpeachable integrity of character, faithful to all trusts committed to him; a wise, safe, judicious counsellor in the affairs of the church—in private life an example of the piety that both quietly rebukes and gently wins the beholder—uncompromising in principle, yet gentle, affable and always agreeable in social intercourse. He took a great interest in his lifetime in all that concerned the advancement of the Master's Kingdom, and was generous and liberal in his support of the good cause; nor did he forget it in his death—making several large bequests in aid of the church and its enterprises.

The Synod would, in gratitude to God, record this testimonial to the worth of our deceased Brother, for the praise of the divine grace which made him what he was—a good man and upright, a faithful servant, loyal and true to his Master and ours.

After the reading of these minutes, they were unanimously adopted by a rising vote of Synod. After which the Synod engaged in singing and prayer to God, being led by Rev. R. B. Anderson, D. D.

The Stated Clerk was directed to transmit to the families of the deceased brethren copies of the memorials adopted, and to make the customary Memorial Record in the Book of Minutes.

The Committee to nominate Trustees of Synod, Rev. P. R. Law, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

That Col. John E. Brown, J. B. Rankin, J. L. Brown, D. F. Cannon, and E. B. Stinson be reelected; and that R. M. Oates be elected in the place of R. I. McDowell, deceased, and Hon. A. C. Avery be elected in the place of J. H. Welbourne, deceased; and that Col. John E. Brown be the Chairman of the Board.

The Committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery, Rev. W. R. McLelland, Chairman, reported that they had examined the same and found them in an admirable form, and recommend their approval.

The report was adopted.

The Judicial Committee, Rev. N. McKay, D. D., Chairman, made the following report:

Your Committee find the Complaint of Rev. J. W. Primrose and John McLaurin against the action of Wilmington Presbytery in the censure of Walter P. King, regular and in order; and we recommend that the Synod adopt the following course of procedure:

1. That the Record of the case be read by the Clerk.
2. That the Complainant be heard.
3. That the Respondent by its representative be heard.
4. That the Complainant be heard again.
5. That the Synod shall then consider and decide the case.

This report was received and adopted.

The Synod then adjourned until to-morrow 9:30 a. m., and was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

FOURTH DAY.

Friday, Oct. 28th, 1887.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer by the Rev. E. F. Rockwell, D. D.

The minutes of the Third Day's Session were read and approved.

A communication from the Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., Secretary of the General Assembly's Committee of Education, was read and referred to the Agent of Education.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. P. R. Law, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved:

The report of the Assembly's Standing Committee on the Sabbath (p. 229) is commended to the attention of the Presbyteries, and they are enjoined to observe especially the 2nd recommendation of the report—the object of which is to put a stop to unlawful riding on Steamboats and Railway trains on Sundays; and the third recommendation, which enjoins upon Presbyteries to require their churches to include Sabbath observance in their reports.

The Committee on the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. P. H. Hoge, Chairman, reported that they had examined the records and recommended that they be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions: On page 320 the ordination of Messrs Oehler and Wharton is recorded with nothing in the records to show that Form of Gov't, Chap. VI, Sect. V, Art. IV, was conformed to, so far as the first paragraph is concerned. The report was received and approved.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. J. L. McLees, Chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1887:

1.—174	Churches contributed	to	Sustentation, ...	$ 2,953.56
2.—164	"	"	" Evangelistic Fund, . . .	4,546.61
3.—142	"	"	" Invalid Fund, ...	993.23
4.—196	"	"	" Foreign Missions, . . .	11,373.98
5.—166	"	"	" Education, ...	3,182.41
6.—131	"	"	" Publication, ...	858.97
7.—22	"	"	" Colportage, ...	94.14
8.—73	"	"	" Tuscaloosa Institute, . .	353.10
9.—21	"	"	" Bible Cause, ...	202.95
10.—82	"	"	" Miscellaneous, ...	6,033.25
			Total,	$35,477.10

Being $9,632.49 more than was raised the year before.

214 churches reported, and 56 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 156 to one or more of them. 33 churches made no report.

In Concord Presbytery, the contributions to the ten objects above specified, were $4,725.00; in Fayetteville, $4,942.76; in Orange, $6,363.34; in Wilmington, $8,836.00; in Mecklenburg, $10,610.00.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have printed fifteen hundred copies of the Seventy Fourth annual Session of the Synod.

The Rev. J. M. Wharey and Ruling Elder J. F. Johnston were added to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The Synod then resumed the Unfinished Business, viz; the Complaint against Wilmington Presbytery.

The Complainants were heard through the Rev. J. W. Primrose; and the Respondent, through its Representatives, the Revs. P. H. Hoge, and B. F. Marable, D. D.

It was made the First Order of the Day for to-night to hear the Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., on the subject of Christian Education; and the Second Order to hear the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

The Synod then took recess till 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess the Synod met and resumed business.

The Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery, Rev. A. N. Ferguson, Chairman, reported that the Records had not been placed in their hands. The report was received and approved.

The Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., was appointed the Synod's Representative in the appeal of the Rev. D. P. Robinson against the Synod of North Carolina, to the General Assembly.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. J. W. Prim-

rose, Chairman, presented the following report, which was received and docketed:

Your Committee in response to an Overture of Sam'l M. Smith, J. N. H. Summerell, Rob't P. Pell, S. H. Chester, Alex'r Sprunt, W. F. Thom, and E. R. Stamps, and which is as follows; "Is licensure an indispensable prerequisite to Ordination?" do recommend the following answer: That while the Book of Church Order seems to assume that the proper subjects for Ordination are probationers, nevertheless it defines the object of licensure to be only the ascertainment of the candidate's call, and inasmuch as in some cases such ascertainment is secured without licensure, therefore licensure is not an indispensable prerequisite to Ordination.

The Synod then resumed the Unfinished Business, viz: the Complaint against Wimington Presbytery.

The Roll was called for the expression of opinion by the members of Synod; their remarks being limited to five minutes. After this expression of opinion the vote was taken, and resulted as follows:

To sustain, 16.

To sustain in part, 10.

Not to sustain, 62.

The Synod then took recess until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod met at the hour appointed for business.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report of the Synod of North Carolina, to the General Assembly, which was received and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of Five Presbyteries, and that these consist in whole, of One hundred and Eighteen Ministers and Two hundred and Fifty seven churches, having under their care Eight Licentiates and Thirty-four Candidates, viz:

REPORT ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS, &C.

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	CH'CHS.	LICENTIATES.	CANDIDATES.
Orange, ...	33	67	1	9
Concord, ...	21	44	3	5
Fayetteville, ...	20	53	0	7
Wilmington, ...	12	39	2	3
Mecklenbutg, ...	32	54	2	10
Total, ...	118	257	8	34

The Synod further reports that its next Stated Meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, on Wednesday, October 24th, 1888, at 7-30 o'clock p. m

By order of Synod: J. ALSTON RAMSAY,
Stated Clerk.

The Committee to prepare a Minute on the death of Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D., the Rev. Colin Shaw, Chairman, was continued until the next meeting of the Synod; and the Rev. A. McFadyen was added to the Committee.

The Commintee to examine the records of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, Chairman, reported that they had examined the records, and recommend that they be approved with the following exception:

That the record of the Presbytery's action in licensing Mr. Walter P. King, under the rule touching extraordinary cases is not sufficiently full or explicit.

The report was received and the exception sustained.

The Committee to examine the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. L. C. Vass, D. D., Chairman, reported, recommending that they be approved, as far as written, with the following exceptions:

1. Page 206. Presbytery adjourned to meet at Fayetteville on Saturday before the Fifth Sabbath of December, but there is no record of such meeting, and the next Session was on April 13th, 1887.

2. Pages 216 and 218. The Report of the Committee on Educa-

tion is recorded as read, received and adopted on page 216, while on page 218 it is made the special order for future consideration.

3. On page 121, Rev. A. McMillan filled —— Record incomplete.

4. Page 233. The Narrative on the State of Religion was prepared after the adjournment of the Presbytery, and forwarded to the General Assembly, without being heard or adopted by the Presbytery.

The report was received and docketed.

The Order of the Day having arrived, the Synod heard Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., in the interest of Davidson College and Christian Education.

The Revs. Wm. S. Lacy, R. B. Willis, and Ruling Elder T. B. Hyman, were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable response to the address of Dr. Mack.

The second Order of the Day was postponed, and the unfinished business resumed, viz: the Complaint against Mecklenburg Presbytery. After conference between the Complainants and the Respondent's representatives, Rev. E. P. Davis and Col. John E. Brown, the complaint was, by permission of the Synod, withdrawn, by mutual consent, upon an interpretation of the deliverance of the Presbytery, which was satisfactory to Complainants and Respondents, that this deliverance is not judicial, but didactic, monitory and advisory,

The Committee on Leave of Absence, Rev. R. B. Morrow, Chairman, presented the following report which was received and approved:

The following have been excused for late attendance at the present meeting of Synod:

Ministers: S. H. Chester, R. B. Anderson, D. D., J. M. Wharey, R. W. Boyd, J. A. Ramsay, James McQueen, Martin McQueen, W. E. McIlwain, A. G. Buckner, J. Y. Fair, W. B. Arrowood, H. T. Darnall, D. Fairley.

Ruling Elders: John McLaurin, W. N. Tate, J. R. Watson, W. J. Smith, P. P. Smith, H. H. Hodgin, M. Morrison, J. K. Goodman, J. K. Graham.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Excused from attendance at last meeting: J. M. Atkinson, D. D., B. L. Beall, J. H. Coble, R. Z. Johnston, A. L. Philips.

Excused from attending the present meeting: D. I. Craig, C. Miller, P. H. Dalton, T. U. Faucette, W. S. P. Bryan, G. S. Robinson, J. S. Watkins, D. D., C. M. Payne, B. L. Beall, C. W. Robinson, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., J. Rumple, D. D.

Leave of absence has been granted as follows:

After Wednesday morning's Session—Mr J. H. Nurney.

After Thursday morning's Session—Mr. Wm. Buil, Rev. James McQueen, Mr. L. M. Stewart.

After Friday morning's Session—R. N. Buie, T. J. Allison, M. Morrison, H. McEachern, W. F. Thom, C. E. Houston, A. McFadyen, T. T. Hay, P. P. Smith, R. D. Evans, J. A. McKoy.

After Friday night—A. N. Ferguson, R. Z. Johnston, A. D. McLeod, M. McQueen, J. N. H. Summerell, B. L. Evans, H. T. Darnall, E. R. Stamps, J. L. Williamson, N. Johnston, J. C. Wharton, R.B. Willis, J. W. Primrose, W. J. Smith, Alex'r Sprunt, I. R. Faison, T. B. Hyman, N. McKay, D. D.

After Friday morning—John Darrack, M. McNeill, G. W. McMillan, P. R. Law, J. T. Kell, R. B. Morrow, John McLaurin, J. A. Womack, W. N. Tate.

After Saturday morning—A. M. McKinnon, J. K. Graham, J. K. Goodman, S. C. Smith, R. W. Boyd, G. A. Denny, D. C. Shaw, R. C. Rankin, J. W. Cowan, M. H. H. Caldwell, A. D. McLeod, A. C. Avery, S. O. Hall, W. F. Carter, E. P. Davis, M. McLeod, Joseph Evans, W. B. Arrowood, A. G. Buckner, J. F. Johnston, J. E. Brown, A. Currie, L. McDonald, D. Fairley.

The Reports of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. J. W. Primrose, Chairman, were taken from the docket, and pending a motion to adopt, Synod adjourned until to-morrow 9:30 a. m.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

FIFTH DAY.

Saturday, October 29th, 1887.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the Stated Clerk in the absence of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the previous day's Sessions were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. L. C. Vass, D. D., Chairman, was taken from the Docket, the exceptions considered *seriatim;* after which the report was adopted.

The following paper touching the case of Rev. D. P. Robinson was presented and adopted:

Whereas, The General Assembly sustained the appeal of Rev. D. P. Robinson against the decision of this Synod on the ground that "the mere fact of disobedience to the civil Magistrate, where moral turpitude is not charged in the mode of disobedience, is not a moral offence punishable with spiritual penalties;"

Resolved, 1, That we of course recognize the decision of our highest court as the final adjudication of this case.

Resolved 2, That at the same time the Synod still stands squarely upon the doctrine of the Bible and the Confession of Faith, that disobedience to the civil magistrate is a moral offence punishable with spiritual penalties, and that the moral turpitude inheres in the very fact of such disobedience, except when it can be shown that obedience to the civil magistrate involves disobedience to conscience.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Churches on the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Chairman, made their report, which was received and adopted. It was further ordered that the address be read to all our congregations, and

that a copy be sent to the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, with a request to publish.

The report is as follows:

THE ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

To the churches within its bounds the Synod of North Carolina sends greetings in the name of our holy and gracious King.

The reports that come to us from the various Presbyteries, as to the progress and present state of religion and gospel work with them, are generally encouraging and hopeful.

In the following particulars they are specially so: The very general supply of the churches with stated preaching, and the comparatively small number of vacancies; the good attendance of the people upon public worship and the ordinance of God's house; the steadily increasing interest manifested in the Sabbath-school cause and work; the large percentage of churches contributing to all the causes of the General Assembly, the steadiness, and in some instances, increase of contributions; the success that has attended the *Home Missionary* operations of the Presbyteries, and the special and powerful manifestations of the Holy Spirit in several places, reviving the saints and converting sinners. All these things cheer our hearts and call for thanksgiving to God, whose covenanted grace and faithfulness are herein set forth anew to His Church for her encouragement and strengthening.

There are, however, evidences of shortcoming in duty, specially of continued failure in matters which have been the subject of repeated admonition of late by the higher courts of the Church. We refer to the observance of family worship and instruction; the monthly concert, and the discipline of the house of God. The reports mention, specially the former, as still sadly neglected by many professedly Christian households. So then confession must accompany our thanksgiving, and sorrow mingle with our rejoicing.

The Synod has been called again this year to deplore the loss by death of five of its ministers, all but one or two in the prime of their usefulness. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. And pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would call and send forth many to take their places in the vanguard of the host.

Brethren beloved, in view of all these things, we exhort you to the redoubling of watchfulness and zeal—to be always abounding in the work of the Lord. Let ministers and people be faithful and consecrated to the Lord Jesus, the King in Zion, to his service, to his glory in all things.

The Synod invokes upon all our ministers and churches the blessing of our Lord—even life forevermore. Grace, mercy and peace from Father, Son and Holy Ghost abide with you all.

The Reports of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was taken from the Docket, and together with a Substitute offered by Rev. S. Taylor Martin, were referred to a Committee, consisting of Revs. J. W. Primrose, and A. McQueen, and Ruling Elder J. T. Kell, to report at the next meeting of the Synod. The Substitute is as follows:

The command of the Word to lay hands suddenly on no man, and the Apostolic prohibition against the introduction of novices into office in the church, are observed in our Constitution by the requirement of a period of probation, antecedent to ordination, which is realized by the licensure of candidates as probationers for the ministry. There is no provision in our Constitution and no authority for the ordination of any who are not licentiates, Form of Gov't, Sect. VI, Par's 129, 140. In the judgment of the Synod the Constitution answers this question affirmatively. Licensure is an indispensable prerequisite to ordination for the ministry.

The following paper touching Union Theological Seminary was presented and adopted:

1. That the Synod urges all its Pastors and Supplies at as early a day as practicable, to present the claims of the Seminary to their congregations, and recommends that the Sessions and Deacons canvass the congregations, affording each individual the opportunity of giving to the cause, and forward all collections to Col. J. P. Fitzgerald, Treasurer of Union Theological Seminary, Farmville, Va.

2. That Synod appoint a Committee of three within the bounds of each Presbytery to superintend the work within the bounds of the Presbytery, to see that the above resolution is carried out, and to cooperate

with the Agent in the immediate prosecution of the work; and these Committees are instructed to report to the Synod at its next meeting.

The Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., and Rev. Wm. S. Lacy were appointed to nominate the Committees contemplated in the above paper.

The Committee appointed to prepare a response to the address of Dr. Mack, Agent of Davidson College, and to suggest suitable action for Synod, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Synod has heard with deep interest the Address on Christian Education and the claims of Davidson College upon Presbyterians, by the Rev. Dr. Mack, the Financial Agent of that institution. The Synod would emphasize the following points to which its attention has been directed:

1. The great and increasing need of Ministers, the number falling far behind in proportion to the rapid increase of its population, and the development of material power and influence at home and abroad.

2. The alarming growth and aggression of the Romish church in proportion to the growth of Protestant churches; or of the whole population, and the need of a christian education to withstand its progress and domination.

3. The dependence of the church upon its own Colleges to furnish the supply of Ministers and educated christian workers.

The Synod therefore, heartily commends the effort of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College to increase the endowment, and thus add to its equipment for its work; and especially that they are seeking to furnish in our own institution a department of Biblical instruction and Presbyterian history. This cause is hereby earnestly commended to the generous gifts of our people.

And to help in the execution of resolutions and purposes already approved by the Synod, your Committee would recommend that a Committee consisting of Revs. Dr. Rumple, J. H. Coble, A. McFadyen, J. Y. Fair, and H. T. Darnall be appointed to present at the next meeting of Synod some plan for the institution of parochial instruction.

ORDER OF THE DAY. REPORT ON TREASURER'S BOOK.

The Order of the Day was then announced, and the Synod heard the Rev. Thos H. Law, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society.

The following resolution touching the address of Rev. Mr. Law was presented and adopted.

Resolved that Synod having heard with pleasure Rev. Thos H. Law, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society, heartily sympathizes with, and endorses the work of this Society and its Agent, and earnestly recommends it to the liberal support of all our Ministers and church members.

The Committee on the Treasurer's Book and Report, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy Chairman, snbmitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Book and Report, respectfully report, that owing to the death of our honored Treasurer, who for so many years has so faithfully served this Synod, very shortly after the last meeting, this body has been without a Treasurer during the year. There has therefore been no report of the Treasury. The Treasurer's Book has however been placed in our hands, from which it appears there has been no entry since the last Annual Report, which showed a balance of $82.55.

Your Committee further reports that from the Report of the Treasurer to the Synod of 1886, at Concord, it appears that the following amounts are due the Treasury of the Synod:

From the Presbytery of	Orange,	for 1886, ...	$75.00
" " "	" Concord,	" 1886, ...	45.00
" " "	" Fayetteville,	for 1885, ...	50.00
" " "	" "	" 86, ...	50.00
" " "	" Mecklenburg,	" 1886, ...	45.00
			$265.00

There are also due at this meeting of the Synod the assessments for 1887, to-wit:

REPORT ON TREASURER'S BOOK.

Orange,	1887, ...	$75.00
Concord,	1887, ...	45.00
Fayetteville,	1887, ...	50.00
Wilmington,	1887, ...	30.00
Mecklenburg,	1887, ...	45.00
		$265.00

Balance in the Treasury, ... $82.55

There are due by the Synod the following accounts:

Bill of Jackson & Bell for printing the Minutes and mailing, 1885, ...	$148.20
Bill of Jackson & Bell for printing the Minutes and mailing, 1886, ...	149.11
Bill of E. M. Uzzell for Blanks, &c., and Docket, 1886, . .	12.25
" " " " " Roll Blanks, ...	2.72
Baughman Brothers, Blank Books, ...	6.88
Salary and account of Stated Clerk, due Oct., 1886, . . about	80.00
Salary and account, 1887, ... about	80.00
Docket and Mailing, &c., 1887, ... about	10 00

We have here then obligations amounting to about $490.00, to which the expense of publication of the minutes of the meeting of 1887 must very soon be added.

With the balance on hand and assessments due, there will be $592.-55 leaving a balance after present obligations are met of about $100.00.

Your Committee recommend that the Stated Clerk in notifying the Treasurer-elect of his election, transmit a copy of this report. And that he also notify the Stated Clerks or Treasurers of the various Presbyteries of the amounts now due by them, and that the Synod desires a prompt settlement of claims now of long standing.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises, Rev. A. L. Phillips, Chairman, announced the appointments for the Sabbath, which were approved.

The Synod then took recess until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod met and resumed business.

The Committee appointed touching collections for Union Theological Seminary, Rev. F. H. Johnston, Chairman, presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Committee to superintend collections for the endorsement of a Fifth Professorship in Union Theological Seminary, Va.

Orange Presbytery: Rev. S. H. Chester, Ruling Elders, Sam'l C. Smith and R. G. Lea.

Concord Presbytery: Rev. C. M. Payne, Rev. C. A. Munroe, Ruling Elder, O. D. Davis.

Fayetteville Presbytery: Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. A. R. Shaw, Ruling Elder, Geo. P. McNeill.

Wilmington Presbytery: Rev. P. H. Hoge, Rev. A. McFadyen, Ruling Elder, B. F. Hall.

Mecklenburg Presbytery: Rev. G. L. Cook, Rev. A. G. Buckner, Ruling Elder, D. W. Oates.

The Committee appointed, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Chairman, to provide for holding simultaneous meetings in February in the interest of Foreign Missions, in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of Foreign Missions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted.

Resolved, That on the first Sabbath of February, our Ministers be directed to preach on the cause of Foreign Missions; and, as the Secretary authorized by the General Assembly, will issue an appeal for free-will offerings, that they be directed to present that appeal, and give an opportunity for such offerings in all the churches.

Resolved further, That in such churches as may find it convenient, the evenings of the week following be devoted to the consideration of special themes, connected with the field, and with principles of Foreign Missions according to the following general schedule:

MONDAY—Japan. Self-consecration.

TUESDAY—Missions Europe. Reasons for Missions.

WEDNESDAY—China. Our Lord's last command.

THURSDAY—Brazil. Encouragement for missions.

FRIDAY—Mexico. The Example of Christ.

Resolved—That the Presbyteries be directed to provide for a simultaneous meeting on the first Sabbath in May, the day appointed by the General Assembly for public presentation of the cause of Foreign Missions to our churches.

The Report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labor, Rev. J. W. Primrose, was read, received and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes; and a copy to be sent to the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, with request for publication. (Appendix D.)

It was ordered that the Synodical Map be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk, and that he be disected to have it at each meeting of the Synod.

It was made the First Order of the Day for to-night to to hear the Report of the Agent of Foreign Mission; and the Second Order to hear the Report of the Agent of Sabbath Schools.

The Synod then took recess until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod met and resumed business.

The Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, presented his Annual Report, which was received; the resolutions appended thereto were adopted, and the Statistics were ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper D.)

A collection for the cause of Foreign Missions was taken up, which amounted to $28.04.

The Agent of Sabbath Schools, Rev. L. C. Vass, D. D., submitted his annual Report, which was received. Pending a motion to adopt the report, the Synod heard Maj. Robert Bingham on "Lesson helps, and the Teacher's need to use them."

After which the report and its suggestions were adopted. (See Aypendix, Paper D.)

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are most heartily tendered to the pastor and people of the Presbyterian church, and the members of other communions in Fayetteville, for their elegant, generous and

cordial entertainment of its members during their stay here; to the officers of the Methodist and Baptist churches of both races for the tender of their respective pulpits for use by our Ministers on the Sabbath; and to the various Railroad and Steamboat companies for the privilege of reduced rates of travel on their lines.

The Pastor of the Presbyterian church was directed to read the resolution from the pulpit on to-morrow.

The Roll was called before final adjournment, and the following were absent, whose names do not appear in the Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence: Calvin Donnell, Stephen A. White, J. P. Hodges, S. E. Johnston, J. C. McCaskill, W. A. Whitted, K. McDonald, Rob't McDougall, T. O. Hawley.

The Minutes of the Fifth Day's Session were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, N. C., on Wednesday, the 24th day of Octobor, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

R. Z. JOHNSTON, *Moderator.*

REV. A. SPRUNT,
J. F. JOHNSTON, } *Temporary Clerks.*

A true copy from the Records.

ATTEST: J. ALSTON RAMSAY, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Appendix.

A.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange reports:

1.—33 Ministers; 67 Churches; 1 Licentiate; 9 Candidates; 4,561 Communicants; and thirty-three thousand one hundred and seventy-seven dollars ($33,177), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1887, being $2,677 less than was raised the year before.

2.—471 Members were added to the Churches during the year.

3.—2 Ministers were received, viz: Rev. Samuel O. Hall, Montgomery Presbytery, April 13, 1887. Rev. Wm. R. Coppedge, Montgomery Presbytery, Sept. 3, 1887.

4.—Ministers were transferred, viz: none.

5.—Churches received or organized, one, viz: Westminster, Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 12, 1887.

6.—1 Church dissolved, viz: Oregon Church in Rockingham County, April 15, 1887, and its members transferred to the Reidsville church.

STATISTICAL REPORTS. ORANGE

The name of the "Company Shops" Church has been changed to "Burlington."

7.—Licentiates received, viz: none.

8.—Licentiates transferred, viz: none.

9.—3 Candidates received, viz: Adolphus W. Cheatham, June 19, 1887. Charles D. Price, East Hanover Presbytery August 31, 1887. J. Alvis Montgomery, September 5, 1887.

10.—1 Candidate transferred, viz: Wm. J. Tidball to Eastern Texas Presbytery, December 1, 1886.

11.—2 Ministers died, viz: Rev. James C. Alexander, Pastor of Buffalo and Bethel churches, Nov. 15, 1886. Rev. Calvin H. Wiley, D. D., Agent American Bible Society, January 11, 1887.

12.—2 Ordinations, viz: Licentiate, Robt. P. Pell, as Evangelist, Sept. 2, 1887. Licentiate, Chas. D Price, as Evangelist, Oct. 9, '87.

13.—4 Installations, viz: Rev. E. W. Smith, Co-pastor Greensboro church, Oct. 31, 1886. Rev. S. O. Hall, pastor Madison church, May, 1887, and Leaksville church, —— 1887. Rev. Carr Moore, pastor Shiloh church, —— 1887.

14.—2 Dissolutions of Pastoral relations, viz: Rev. A. L. Crawford, Lexington church, Jan. 1, 1887. Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Winston church, July 1, 1887.

15.—1 Licensure, viz: Charles Dabney Price, Sept. 2, 1887.

16.—28 Ministers in charge of 55 churches; 21 Pastors; 1 Stated Supply; 6 Evangelists; no Licentiates.

17.—6 Churches vacant.

18.—$780.00, average Salary paid Ministers in charge of churches.

19.—17 Manses, aggregate value, $40,050.00.

20.—No Minister or church in 21 Counties, viz: Bertie, Currituck, Camden, Chowan, Dare, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pamlico, Pitt, Person, Stokes, Tyrrell, and Washington.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Greensboro, N. C., Tuesday before 5th Sabbath in April 1888, at 7.30 p. m.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON.
Stated Clerk.

Cross Roads church, 3rd day of September, 1887.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord reports:

1.—21 Ministers; 44 Churches, 3 Licentiates; 5 Candidates; 4085 Communicants; and $23,840, aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1887, being $15 more than was raised the year before.

2.—265 Members were added to the churches during the year, on examination.

3.—Ministers received—none.

4.—1 Minister was trasferred, viz: E. C. Murray to Charleston Presbytery, S. C., June 8th, 1887.

5.—1 Church organized, viz: Blowing Rock, July 17, 1887.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7.—Licentiates received—none.

8.—1 Licentiate transferred, viz: John W. Lafferty to Lexington Presbytery, Sept. 19, 1887.

9.—2 Candidates received, viz: J. M. Greenlee, Oct. 6, 1886, and E. F. Alexander, Oct. 9, 1886.

10.—1 Candidate transferred, viz: R. E. Lentz to Central Texas Presbytery, Oct. 7, 1886.

11.—Ministers died—none.

12.—1 Ordination, viz: C. M. Tidball, Nov. 4, 1886.

13.—2 Installations, viz: C. M. Tidball Nov. 4, 1886, over Concord church (Iredell), and A. Walker White over Taylorsville church, May 7, 1887.

14.—2 Dissolutions of Pastoral relations, viz: A. W. White and Third Creek and Fifth Creek, Jan. 25, 1887, and E. C. Murray and Old Fort, Marion and Siloam, June 30, 1887.

15.—3 Licensures, viz: J. M. Greenlee, April 11, 1887, R. W. Culbertson, June 8, 1887, and John W. Lafferty, Sept. 19, 1887.

16.—15 Ministers in charge of 31 churches; 13 Pastors; 2 Stated Supplies; 2 Evangelists; 3 Licentiates; 1 Foreign Missionary, and 1 President of College.

17.—9 Churches vacant.

18.—$855, average salary paid Ministers in charge of churches.

19.—14 Manses, aggregate value, $21,700.

20.—No Minister or church in 5 counties, viz: Yadkin, Yancey, Mitchell, Ashe and Alleghany.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Franklin, on Thursday before the 3d Saturday of April, 1888, at 11, o'clock, p. m.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: WM. W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

Newton Church, 17th day of Sept., 1887.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports:

1.—20 Ministers; 53 Churches; no Licentiates; 7 Candidates; 4,991 Communicants; and sixteen thousand four hundred and forty-eight dollars and twenty-six cents ($16,448.26), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1887, being $1,768.81 more than was raised the year before.

2.—389 Members were added to the churches during the year.

3.—1 Minister was received, viz: Rev. Alex L. Phillips, Nov. 15, 1886.

4.—Ministers transferred—none.

5.—Churches received or organized—none.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7.—Licentiates received—none.

8.—Licentiates transferred—none.

9.—2 Candidates received, viz: W. L. Harrell, Arch'd A. McGeachy, April 16, 1886.

10.—Candidates transferred—none.

11.—1 Minister died, viz: Rev. John D. Currie, 25th Dec., 1886.

12.—1 Ordination, viz: Angus R. Shaw, Oct. 1, 1887.

13.—1 Installation, viz: Rev. Alex L. Phillips, Pastor of Fayetteville Church, Dec. 5, 1886.

14.—Dissolution of Pastoral relations—none.

15.—1 Licensure, viz: Angus R. Shaw, October 1, 1887.

16.—20 Ministers in charge of 51 churches; 9 Pastors; 7 Stated

Supplies; 1 Evangelist; no Licentiates; 1 Pastor-Elect; 2 Teachers.

17.—2 Churches vacant.

18.—$700.00, average salary paid Ministers in charge of churches.

19.—2 Manses, aggregate value, $4,500.00.

20.—No Minister or church in ... Counties.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Jonesboro', on Wednesday before third Sunday in April, 1887.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

Lumberton church, 1st day of October, 1887.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington reports:

1.—12 Ministers; 39 Churches; 2 Licentiates; 3 Candidates; 2,341 Communicants; and seventeen thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars ($17,185), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1887, being $1,726.51 more than was raised the year before.

2.—214 Members were added to the churches during the year.

3.—1 Minister was received, viz: J. J. Hines, 2d day April, last, from Presbytery of Eastern Texas.

4.—2 Ministers were transferred, viz: A. L. Phillips, Oct. 29, Presbytery Fayetteville, and A. Kirkland, Jan. 21, to Macon Presbytery.

5.—3 Churches received or organized, viz: Harmony, Oct. 30, Suttons' Branch, Dec. 16, and White Oak, Sept. 9, 1887.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7—Licentiates received—none.

8.—Licentiates transferred—none.

9.—3 Candidates received, viz: Peter McIntyre, March 31, and Wm. M. Shaw, April 2, Walter P. King, June 28.

10.—Candidates transferred—none.

11.—Ministers died—none.

12.—1 Ordination, viz: Peter McIntyre, Oct. 22.

13.—1 Installation, viz: Peter McIntyre, pastor of Union Church.

14.—1 Dissolution of Pastoral relations, viz: Rev. A. L. Phillips

and Burgaw, Duplin Road, Mt. William and Topsail churches, Oct. 29.

15.—2 Licensures, viz: Peter McIntyre, April 2, and Walter P. King, Oct. 14.

16.—12 Ministers in charge of 32 churches; 6 Pastors; 6 Stated Supplies; no Evangelists; 2 Licentiates.

17.—7 Churches vacant; supplied occasionally.

18.—$834.90, average salary paid Ministers in charge of churches.

19.—3 Manses, aggregate value, $8,500.

20.—No Minister or church in 1 county, viz: Brunswick.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Cobbs' Mills, on the —— day of———, 1888.

By order of the Presbytery:

Attest: ARCHIBALD McFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

Whiteville Church, 24th day of October, 1887.

NOTE.—Licentiate Peter McIntyre was ordained and installed Pastor the 22d Oct. following the regular meeting of Presbytery, and this report was presented at the adjourned meeting at Synod.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports:

1.—32 Ministers; 54 Churches; 2 Licentiates; 10 Candidates; 5929 Communicants; and Thirty six thousand two hundred and forty two dollars ($36,242.00) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1887. being $14,244.00 less than was raised the year before.

2.—167 Members were added to the Churches during the year.

3.—3 Ministers were received, viz: W. O. Cochran, Dec. 23, 1886, J. Y. Fair, Oct 5, 1886, R. A Fair, May 7, 1887. W. S. P. Bryan, Aug 20, 1887.

4.—2 Ministers were transferred, viz: R. S. Brown to Maryland Presbytery, April 1887, J. C. Ochler to Charleston Presbytery, April 1887.

5.—Churches received or organized—none.

6.—Churches transferred or dissolved—none.

7.—Licentiates received—none.

8.—1 Licentiate transferred, viz: Chalmers Moore to East Hanover Presbytery, April 22, 1887.

9.—2 Candidates received, viz: J. W. Moore, May 1887. Robt. Lee McNair, Sept., 1887.

10.—Candidates transferred—none.

11.—2 Ministers died, viz: Walter W. Pharr, D. D., Nov. 10, 1886. Wm. A. McDonald, Feb. 9, 1887.

12.—Ordinations: none.

13.—3 Installations, viz: J. Y. Fair, and 2nd church Charlotte, Nov 14, 1886. W. O. Cochran and Steele Creek church, Jan 7 1887. W. S. P. Bryan and Asheville church, Aug 21, 1887.

14.—1 Dissolution of Pastoral relations, viz: P. R. Law and Monroe church, Sept 23, 1887.

15.—3 Licensures, viz: Chalmers Moore and W. A. Henderson, April 30, 1887. S. W. Spencer, May 5, 1887.

16.—22 Ministers in charge of 44 churches; 14 Pastors; 4 Stated Supplies; 4 Evangelists; 2 Licentiates. 1 Minister Agent U. T. Seminary and 1 Principal of Charlotte Female Institute.

17.—10 Churches vacant.

18.—$783, average salary paid Ministers in charge of Churches.

19.—17 Manses, aggregate value, $35,000.

20.—No Minister or Church in 4 Counties, viz: Madison, Jackson, Graham and Cherokee.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Sugar Creek church on Wednesday before 3rd Sunday in April, 1888.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Rutherfordton Church, 23rd day of April, 1887.

B.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits the following Report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1887:

1.—48	Churches contributed to		Sustentation, ...	$ 739.90
2.—47	"	"	" Evangelistic Fund, . . .	625.17
3.—42	"	"	" Invalid Fund, ...	269.28
4.—51	"	"	" Foreign Missions, . . .	2016.55
5.—47	"	"	" Education, ...	408.70
6.—36	"	"	" Publication, ...	240.44
7.—24	"	"	" Tuskaloosa Institute, . .	107.30
8.—17	"	"	" Bible Cause, ...	188.00
9.—31	"	"	" Miscellaneous, ...	1768.00
			Total,	$6363.34

Being $1,111.24 less than was raised the year before. 57 Churches reported, and 24 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 33 to one or more of them. 5 Churches made no report, viz: Croatan, La Grange, Fairfield, Worthville, Yanceyville.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Cross Roads Church, 3rd day of September, 1887.

II.--CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits the following Report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1887:

1.	33	Churches contributed to	Sustentation,	. . . .	$ 405.00
2.	34	" "	" Evangelistic Fund,	. . .	903.00
3.	31	" "	" Invalid Fund,	. . . .	117.00
4.	35	" "	" Foreign Missions,	. . .	1923.00
5.	27	" "	" Education,	. . . . .	1209.00
6.	27	" "	" Publication,	. . . . .	90.00
7.	22	" "	" Tuskaloosa Institute,	. .	78.00
8.		" "	" Bible Cause,	. . . . .	
9.		" "	" Miscellaneous,	. . . . .	
			Total,		$4725.00

Being $203 more than was raised the year before. 35 churches reported, and 16 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 19 to one or more of them. 9 churches made no report.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: WM. W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

Newton Church, 17th day of September, 1887.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1887:

1.	35	Churches contributed to	Sustentation,	. . . .	$ 278.56
2.	39	" "	" Evangelistic Fund,	. . .	282.44
3.	36	" "	" Invalid Fund,	. . . .	182.95
4.	50	" "	" Foreign Missions,	. . .	2637.43
5.	43	" "	" Education,	. . . . .	446.71
6.	32	" "	" Publication,	. . . . .	158.53
7.	22	" "	" Colportage,	. . . . .	94.14
8.	14	" "	" Tuskaloosa Institute,	. .	46.80
9.	4	" "	" Bible Cause,	. . . . .	14.95
10.	21	" "	" Miscellaneous,	. . . .	800.25
			Total,		$4942.76

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE. CONCORD. FAYETTEVILLE.

Being $1389.57 more than was raised the year before. 53 churches reported, and six of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 45 to one or more of them. Every church made report. There has been decided increase in the amount contributed, and notwithstanding imperfect reports from the churches, it is evident that there is advance, in systematic efforts to secure collections.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

Lumberton church, 1st day of October, 1887.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1887:

1.—23	Churches	contributed	to Sustentation, ...	$ 334.00
2.—25	"	"	" Evangelistic Fund, . .	1467.00
3.—15	"	"	" Invalid Fund, ...	204.00
4.—22	"	"	" Foreign Missions, . . .	946.00
5.—18	"	"	" Education, ...	313.00
6.—13	"	"	" Publication, ...	171.00
7.—7	"	"	" Tuscaloosa Institute, . .	63.00
8.—21	"	"	" Presbyterial, ...	261.00
9.—13	"	"	" Congregational, ...	4621.00
10.—10	"	"	" Miscellaneous, ...	456.00
			Total,	$8836.00

Being $1,726.51 more than was raised the year before. 28 churches reported. 7 contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 21 to one or more of them. 10 churches made no report, viz: Chadbourn, Cobbs' Mills, Harmony, Richlands, Newport, New River Chapel, North River, Seminary, Sutton's Branch and Topsail.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: A. McFADYEN,
Stated Clerk.

Whiteville church, 14th of October, 1887.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully submits the following Report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1887:

1.—36	Churches	contributed	to Sustentation, ...	$1197.00
2.—23	"	"	" Evangelistic Fund, . . .	1269.00
3.—18	"	"	" Invalid Fund, ...	222.00
4.—38	"	"	" Foreign Missions, . . .	3851.00
5.—31	"	"	" Education, ...	805.00
6.—23	"	"	" Publication, ...	199.00
7.—6	"	"	" Tuskaloosa Institute, . .	58-00
8.—some	"	"	" Bible Cause, not reported.	
9.—20	"	"	" Miscellaneous, ...	3009.00
			Total,	$10610.00

Being $1523 more than was raised the year before. 41 churches reported, and 3 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 38 to one or more of them. 9 churches made no report, viz: King's Mt., Shiloh, Oak Forest, Swannanoa, Red Oak, Mills River, Hendersonville, Bethlehem, Duncan's Creek.

By order of Presbytery:

Attest: R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Rutherfordton church, — day of April, 1887.

C.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS OF U. T. SEMINARY TO THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Board of Trustees of Union Theological Seminary beg leave to respectfully submit to the Synod of North Carolina their annual report.

The Board held their annual meeting on May 3rd and 4th, 1887. Eighteen members being present. The Board would express their sense of thankfulness for the divine favor continued in the preservation of the health of the Faculty and Students generally during the past year. There was one case of serious sickness among the latter which terminated in death in September last. Twenty-nine new Students

were matriculated, of whom one joined the Senior Class, five the Middle, and twenty-three the Junior. The whole number of Students present in the various classes for the year was 59, a larger number than for several years past. The Senior Class numbered eighteen, of which number the following eleven members, having completed the prescribed course of study, and passed approved examinations were awarded the diploma of the Institution, viz: Wm. M. Alexander, J. D. Allison, E. H. Amis, P. C. Clark, A. W. Crawford, S. P. Fulton, T. C. Johnston, C. R. Jones, R. V. Lancaster, C. D. Price, and L. H. Richardson.

The Finances continue in the healthful condition reported last year, and the income from invested funds has, with scarce an exception, been fully realized. A statement by the Treasurer is appended to this report.

The Board has been very fortunately enabled, since the last report, to erect a handsome and commodious residence for the use of Professor Moore.

The Chapel of the Seminary has also been refurnished throughout, greatly improving it in comfort and elegance.

The Library continues to receive additions of Volumes, both by gift and purchase; the additions this year have been one hundred and five volumes from the former source, and two hundred and eighty from the latter. Total number of Volumes at present in Library is 14,024.

The Board kept its Agent for the Endowment of the fifth Professorship in the field through the year with results sufficiently encouraging to warrant his employment in the same work for the year to come.

With devout recognition of the signal favor of God which has hitherto attended both the management and the work of this Institution, the Board enters upon a new year in its history with renewed confidence, and hope of a larger measure yet of divine blessing.

F. H. JOHNSTON,
E. M. ARMSTRONG,
Committee.

APPENDIX.

The Officers of the Corporation for 1887-'88 are as follows:

PRESIDENT.—Rev. W. T. Richardson, D. D.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.—Rev. W. E. McIlwain, and Mr. B. F. Hall.

TREASURER.—Col. J. P. Fitzgerald, Farmville, Va.

VICE-TREASURER AND SECRETARY.—Rev. Charles White, D. D., Worsham, Va.

FACULTY.—Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D.; T. E. Peck, D. D.; H. C. Alexander, D. D.; J. F. Latimer, D. D.; W. W. Moore, D. D.

LEGAL TITLE OF CORPORATION.—"The Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia."

The next Session opens September 7, 1887 and closes May — 1888.

P. O. Address of Faculty and Students, "Hampden Sydney, Va."

The P. O. address of the Treasurer is "Farmville, Va." and of the Secretary is Worsham, Va."

CHAS. WHITE, *Secretary*.

D.

PUBLICATION.

The Agent of Publication respectfully presents the following report:

As some of our Presbyteries do not cooperate with the Assembly's Committee in the prosecution of this work, it is difficult to give an exact statistical report. On this account the Minutes of the Assembly and the report of the Executive Committee do not agree.

The following receipts are acknowledged by the Treasurer of the Assembly's Committee:

PRESBYTERY.	NO. OF CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Fayetteville,	30	$130.03.
Mecklenburg,	5	16.11.
Orange,	35	288.67.
Wilmington,	3	151.60.
Concord,	—	—
Total,	73	$586.41.

PUBLICATION.

According to the Minutes of Assembly the contributions are as follows:

PRESBYTERY.	NO. OF CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Concord,	24	$ 90.00
Meckle. burg,	23	199.00
Orange,	36	. 239.00
Wilmington,	13	171.00
Fayetteville, no report.		
Total,	96	$699.00

According to the Treasurer's Report, the Synod contributed last year $544.84; this year $586.41, showing a gain of $41.57. Comparing the Assembly's Minutes of the past two years, there has been a gain of $17.03, supposing the report of the Presbytery of Fayetteville which does not appear in the Assembly's Minutes to be the same as that of the Treasurer.

The following is a list of contributing and non-contributing churches, according to Assembly's Minutes:

PRESBYTERY.	CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES.	NON-CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES.
Mecklenburg,	23	22
Orange,	36	25
Wilmington,	13	20
Concord,	24	23
Fayetteville, no report.		
	96	90

The average contributions per member to this object among contributing churches is about three and one-half cents. Considerably more than one-third of our churches give nothing to this cause.

Dr. Hazen in the report of this year gives a most encouraging account of the condition and prospects of the work. The debt which has been burdening the church for ten years has been provided for. The financial condition of the committee is in a healthy condition. Our papers are more generally patronized, and our Depository is doing a successful business. The churches are earnestly called upon to contribute more liberally to this important branch of church enterprise.

2.—COLPORTAGE.

The special attention of the Synod is directed to the action of the last General Assembly touching the work of Colportage. The Execu-

tive Committee of Publication is instructed "to inaugurate and prosecute the work of Colportage as their resources may permit, and in such fields as the Providence of God may indicate."

Dr. Hazen has issued circulars to the Presbyteries "inviting such Presbyterial action as will facilitate the prosecution of the proposed work."

The plan contemplates the employment of permanent Missionary Colporters whose work shall be combined with Missionary labors, and carried on with the advice and cooperation of the Presbyteries' Chairmen of Publication, and with the Pastors and Sessions with whom they may be thrown. Full instructions are given in the circulars issued by the Executive Committee. Three of our Presbyteries have been for years engaged in this work, Concord, Mecklenburg and Fayetteville, and much good has been accomplished. The Committee's plan should be taken in immediate consideration by all our Presbyteries.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN S. WATKINS,

Synod's Agent of Publication.

REPORT OF AGENT OF EDUCATION TO THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Fayetteville, N. C., Oct. 25th, 1887.

Your Agent would respectfully report:

1.—Number of Candidates for the Ministry under care of the Presbyteries: Orange has under its care, 9; Concord, 4; Fayetteville, 7; Wilmington, 3; Mecklenburg, 10. Total in 1887, 33; total in 1886, 35. Loss of 2.

2.—Number of Licentiates: Orange, 2; Concord, 3; Fayetteville, none; Wilmington, 1; Mecklenburg, 2. Total in 1887, 8. Total in 1886, 4. Gain of 4.

3.—Whole number of Candidates and Licentiates in 1887, 41. In 1886, 39. Gain of 2.

4.—Since the last meeting of Synod the Presbyteries have licensed as follows: Orange, 1; Concord, 2; Fayetteville, 1; Wilmington, 2; Mecklenburg, 3. Total, 10.

5.—Have in same time transferred to other Presbyteries: Orange to

Synod of Texas, 1; Concord, 1; Fayetteville, none; Wilmington, none; Mecklenburg to Synod of Va., 1. Total, 3.

6.—Lost by death, withdrawal and transfer since last meeting of Synod: Orange, by transfer, 1; Concord, by transfer, 1; Fayetteville, by death, 2; Wilmington, none. Mecklenburg, by transfer, 1; by withdrawal, 1. Total, 6.

7.—Stage of preparation: Orange has in College, 2; Union Seminary, 2; Senior Class, none. Concord has in College, 3; Seminary, 1; Senior Class, none. Fayetteville has in College, 5; Seminary, 2; Senior Class, none. Wilmington has in College, 2; Seminary, none; Mecklenburg has in Academy, 1; College, 2; Seminary, 7; Senior class, 3. Total in College, 14, Seminary. 12; Senior Class, 3.

It will be seen that only 3 Seminary Students belonging to the entire Synod will be ready for permanent work next Spring.

8.—Supply of the whole Church, sixty-nine Presbyteries have under their care, Candidates, 267; Licentiates, 57. Total 1887, 324; total 1886, 336. Loss of 12.

9.—How many of these in Senior Class of the Seminary: in Austin, Texas, 3; in Columbia, S. C., 4; in Princeton, N. J., 1; in S. W. Pres. University, Clarksville, 9; in Union Sem., Va., 15. Total, 32.

10.—Funds raised in the Synod for beneficiary Education: Orange, $354.92; Concord, $500.00; Fayetteville, $478.96; Wilmington, $176.24; Mecklenburg, $800.00. Total in the Synod, $2310.12. Total in whole church, $21,500.

Resolved, That the last Thursday in January, the day appointed by the General Assembly for prayer for our youth in institutions of learning, or some other suitable day, be observed in all our churches, and on that occasion the attention of the congregations be called to the great need of our church for more Ministers and their duty to "Pray the Lord of the harvest that He send forth more laborers into His harvest."

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. McILWAIN,

Agent.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

Reported to the Synod of North Carolina at its meeting in Fayetteville, N. C., October 25th, 1887.

I.—MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Synod has Ordained Ministers, 115 (a loss of 1 from last year); Laboring Ministers, 91 (a loss of 4); Licentiates, 8 (a loss of 3); Churches, 254 (a gain of 4); Members, 21,840 (a gain of 1048); and pays for Salaries, $67,178 (a gain of $989).

	LABORING MINISTERS.	COMMUNICANTS.	PAYS.
Concord,	16	4085	$11,894
Fayetteville,	18	4924	9,345
Mecklenburg,	22	5929	17,219
Orange,	24	4561	20,271
Wilmington,	11	2341	8,349
Synod,	91	21840	$67,078

These figures are taken from the Assembly's Minutes and give the following results as to averages:

	AVERAGE SALARY TO LABORING MINISTERS.	AVERAGE CONTRIBUTIONS PER COMMUNICANT.
Concord,	$743	$2.91
Fayetteville.	519	2.10
Mecklenburg,	782	2.90
Orange,	844	4.44
Wilmington,	759	3.55
Synod,	729	$3.18

These results indicate a very decided advance upon the reports of last year. The average salary is larger in every Presbytery, except Concord; and in the Synod there is an increase of some $35, and the average per member rises from $3.13 to $3.18.

Moreover, it is proper to state that the reports received directly by your Agent, from the Chairmen of Presbyterial Committees essentially change these calculations and show a yet greater advance in this matter. According to these reports the figures stand thus: Average Salary, Concord, $855; Fayetteville, $868; Mecklenburg, $848; Orange, $750; Wilmington, (approximate) $600, exclusive of city and town churches. Whole Synod, $684, and if town churches in Wil-

mington were included it would raise it still more And your Agent is happy in believing that these figures are more reliable than the calculations drawn from the Assembly's Minutes.

2.—SUSTENTATION.

All the Presbyteries are now, or soon will be managing the affairs of Sustentation in the same way, *i. e.* supporting their own feeble churches themselves, and sending one collection annually to the Assembly's Committee.

The following amounts have been raised:

	EXPENDED WITHIN OUR BOUNDS.	FORWARDED TO ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE.
Concord,	$405.00	$ 91.88
Fayetteville, $50 to Col. ch.	300.00	66.50
Mecklenburg,	650.00	93.11
Orange,	850.00	219.73
Wilmington.	37.50	215.84
Whole Synod,	$2242.50	$687.06

The Synod has 4 more churches than it had last year, but of these 37 are vacant, being 9 more than were vacant last year. Concord reports 6 churches vacant; Fayetteville, 7; Mecklenburg, 12; Orange, 5; Wilmington, 7.

Ten churches are receiving repairs or in process of erection. Mecklenburg, 3; Fayetteville, 4; Concord, 3.

There are 54 Manses in the Synod. 51 of them valued at $101,000: 3 reported as of value "unknown." Of these Concord has 14, value $21,700; Fayetteville, 2, value $4,000; Mecklenburg, 18, value $36,000; Orange, 17, value $39,300; Wilmington, 3. value unknown. Mecklenburg also reports "2 or 3 in process of erection." The number of Manses in the Synod last year was reported 45; but Orange failed to report 3, so that the clear gain for the past year has been 6.

3.—INVALID FUND.

Chairmen of Presbyterial Committees report to your Agent that $901 has been contributed for the Invalid Fund during the past year, and appropriated to the relief of 5 disabled Ministers and 5 families of deceased Ministers. This amount is as follows:

EVANGELISTIC LABOR.

	SUMS CONTRIBUTED.	BENEFICIARIES.
Concord,	$117	2 Widows.
Fayetteville,	163	1 Beneficiary.
Mecklenburg,	222	1 Minister and 2 Families.
Orange,	299	3 Beneficiaries.
Wilmington,	100	1 Widow.
Whole Synod,	$901	5 Beneficiaries and 5 Families.

Besides this, according to the report of the Assembly's Committee there has been contributed to the General Fund $269.74, making a total from the Synod of $1170.74, an increase on last year of $80.

Respectfully submitted,

Oct. 25th, 1887. J. M. WHAREY, *Agent.*

REPORT OF AGENT OF EVANGELISTIC LABOR.

Your Agent for Evangelistic Labor would respectfully report as follows:

Fayetteville Presbytery reports that there is no County in their bounds in which there is no church; nor any in which there is but one church; and only one County in which there are but two. They have one Minister serving the whole of his time as an Evangelist, and for four months a Candidate was employed in the work. By the churches $229 was contributed, and by the fields $450 for Evangelistic Labor. The whole amount expended was $718. Thirty-one persons were received into communion. One new church of 40 communicants, and known as Culdee church has been organized. Four feeble churches have been served by the Evangelist, and seven missions by the Evangelist and Pastors. This Presbytery assists the general work of home evangelism by giving to the Assembly's Committee 25 per cent. of its receipts and drawing from them nothing.

Mecklenburg Presbytery reports that they have 4 Counties in which there is no church; 2 in which there is but one; and 2 in which there are only two churches. They had one Minister serving the whole of his time as Evangelist—the Rev. J. E. Fogartie, who leaving was succeeded by Rev. R. A. Mickle. Seven are employed in evangelistic labor part of their time. viz: Wm. H. Davis, Geo. L. Cook, A. G. Buckner E. P. Davis, E. A. Sample, T. A. Wharton, and J. C. Oehler.

EVANGELISTIC LABOR.

By the churches were contributed $1083, and by the Field $970. 60 communicants have been added. No new churches have been added. The Evangelists supply 15 feeble churches. Since last June the Rev. I. N. Campbell has been laboring half his time where there are no organized churches. They give the General Assembly one collection.

Orange Presbytery reports twenty-two counties in which there are no churches: 8 in which only one, and 7 in which are only two. Orange has 4 Ministers employed wholly as Evangelists, an increase of 3 over last report to Synod. They are Rev. F. H. Johnston D. D. general Evangelist and Rev. W. F. Thom, R. P. Pell and C. D. Price. Messrs Johnston and Price have entered the field since April 1887. Two ministers have been employed in part as Evangelists, viz: Revs. P. H. Dalton and E. W. Smith.

The churches have contributed $632; and the fields $83. 44 Communicants were received as by spring reports. No churches were organized. 13 feeble churches and 15 missions are served. About 30 Sabbaths have been given by Pastors to Evangelistic labor. No contribution is given the General Assembly. At the last fall meeting it was resolved to send the January collection, to the Assembly for frontier work; and for Presbyterial work, with Evangelistic and Sustentation to take up collections in September and February.

Concord Presbytery has 5 counties in which there is no church; 4 in which there is one; and 1 in which there are only two. By the churches $871 was contributed; and by the field, $375. Whole amount paid $1008. No new churches are reported organized. This Presbytery employs two Evangelists, all of their time, viz: Rev. W. B. Arrowood, and R. V. Lancaster, now a Missionary to China. Two are employed in part, E. C. Murray and C. A. Munroe. 5 Mission points are supplied. One collection was given the General Assembly.

Wilmington Presbytery has one county and part of another in which there is no church; 3 in which there are but one; and 3 in which are only two. The churches have contributed $316 and the field $250. Amount paid for Evangelistic labor, $358.83. One Minister, the Rev. J. D. Stanford labored wholly as Evangelist from September 1886 to March 1887. Two Ministers have been employed in part, the Rev. G. W. McMillan and Rev. A. Kirkland. 3 new churches have been organized, viz: Harmony with 14 communicants, Sutton's

Branch with 20 and White Oak with 17. Five feeble churches and 6 stations are served. This Presbytery has heretofore cooperated (as the phrase went) with the General Assembly, that is, forwarded its contributions to withdraw again about as much. The plan now adopted gives the September collection to the Assembly's frontier Missions, and uses the January collection in home work. The number of communicants added were over 100.

SUMMARY.

In the bounds of the Synod there are 32 unoccupied counties; 17 in which there is but one church in each; and 14 in which there are but two. For Evangelistic labor the churches have contributed $3131 and the field $2128. 9 Ministers have given the whole of their time to this labor, and 14 have served in part as Evangelists. 4 new churches have been organized. Four Presbyteries report an addition of over 235 communicants.

There is gratifying evidence of progress and increasing zeal in this department of labor throughout the Synod

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In our Saviour's intercessary prayer, matchless for its depth of tenderness and meaning, He says, "As thou hast sent Me unto the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." The purpose of our Lord's coming into the world He himself declares, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save the lost." For this purpose is the church planted in the world, and the solemn and imperative command is, "Go ye into all the world." Is it not true, as the veteran Missionary from our own State, Dr. McGilvary, has recently phrased it, *The Mission of the Church is Missions!* Every dictate of obedience, every inspiration of gratitude, every emotion of pity, every incentive of glorious reward, should stimulate to the most earnest, well-directed and incessant endeavor to accomplish this duty of the church, to accept the distinguished privilege bestowed of laboring with the Redeemer, and to meet the imperious demand made upon us by the very circumstances of our being. The nations of the East are waking from the long sleep of superstition and ignorance. Their mighty and hoary systems of religion are shaken. A spirit of interest and inquiry is aroused in the

hands of those long holden in darkness and fear. There is a desire at least to know something of a religion that brings peace and light. From many parts of the world the Macedonian cry is uttered with thrilling earnestness. Our land lies the nearest to the great empires of heathenism, and our people have the most ready access to the ear and the heart of the world. The progress of the Anglo Saxon civilization, and the domination of the English tongue are felt everywhere and who knoweth but that we have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

The response of the church of God to this present opportunity, while not such as the overwhelming necessities of the case demand, nor yet such as the resources and capabilities of the church could make, is yet most gratifying and encouraging. There never was such missionary zeal and alacrity. All religious bodies are making strenuous efforts to arouse the slothful to some conception of their duty, to develop a higher consecration in those who are interested, and to occupy the wide and populous fields of labor. It is a significant fact, as stated by Rev. Dr. Pierson of Philadelphia, that upon their inquiry, the number of young men who declared their wish and purpose to devote themselves to the Foreign Missionary work, now in institutions of learning, upon completing their course of preparation, as in April last, 1525, and says Dr. Pierson (an authority on Missions) the number is likely to reach 2500 or 3000. The harvest clamors for the reaper, the laborers are answering, "We are ready, we wish to go." How fearful the responsibility thus laid upon the church, and how solemn and urgent the call for means to do the great work that can now be done. The favorable conditions that now invite may soon be changed, and the wide and effectual doors now open may be closed.

This review of the whole church and mission field finds its counterpart in our own Southern church. The year closing March 31st, 1887, has been one of great encouragement. "The lives of the Missionaries have been preserved. The close of the year found all the workers (with the single exception of the wife of one of the Missionaries who had been disabled by an attack of yellow fever) at their various posts in the fields. The bonded debt which was long a drawback and encumbrance has been extinguished. The current debt, reported to the last General Assembly, has been substantially removed. All the work of the year has been paid for. Three new workers have been added to the force

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in the field." There are missions in Mexico, China, Japan, Brazil, Greece, Italy and among the Indians, occupying 34 stations and 85 out stations, and during the year there has been an addition of 375 communicants, in Japan 105; in Indian territory 85; in Mexico 83; in Brazil 71; in China 15; in Greece 13; in Italy 3. From our church sixty-two have gone as messengers of salvation to the heathen. This is an encouraging result for a year's labor in foreign lands.

"The receipts from all sources for the year amount to $84,072.65. This is $10,902.38 more than the receipts of any previous year. In making up this amount there was received from churches and individuals $48,521.66; from Ladies' Missionary Societies, $18,906.74; from Sunday Schools, $7.699.35; from legacies, $8,924.90. The number of churches that contributed during the year was 1481, being 465 more than contributed the year before. The number of Ladies' Missionary Societies that contributed was 373, being 70 more than contributed the year before. The number of contributing Sunday Schools was 301, being 82 more than contributed the year before. While this marked increase in the number of contributors is highly encouraging, it must be remembered that the number of churches that failed to contribute was 717; that the proportion of churches in which Ladies' Missionary Societies have been organized is very small, and that probably not one third of the Sunday Schools have contributed."

The membership of the Southern Presbyterian church as reported March 31st is 150,398. The total amount of contributions is $84,072.55, being an average per member of 57 cents. But if the legacies amounting to $7,924.90 be not included in the receipts from churches, Ladies' Societies and Sunday Schools, the amount is $75,147.75, an average of very nearly 50 cents per member.

A comparative statement of the four largest Synods may be interesting, and may stimulate to greater effort.

	COMMUNICANTS.	CONTRIBUTED.	AV. PER MEMBER.
Synod of Virginia,	29,292	$18,632.18	.63⅔
" " N. Caro.,	21,840	11,371.49	.52
" " S. Caro.,	14,662	5,731.02	.39
" " Kentucky,	14,381	6,762.11	.47

These constitute the larger half of our church membership and

strength—the aggregate reading 80,175 communicants, contributing $42,496 80, an average per member of 53 cents.

It will be seen that North Carolina stands second to Virginia in numbers, contribution and average, though falling considerably under that strong Synod. Before the last year, 1886, the Synod of South Carolina has always contributed in proportion more than the Synod of North Carolina.

Of the Presbyteries of the General Assembly, Lexington stands first, with 6584 members, contributing $4,306.04, being an average of 67 cents per member. The Presbytery of Concord in this Synod comes second, with 4085 communicants, contributing $3,320.29, being an average of 80 cents per member. The Presbytery of East Hanover with 4473 members, giving $3,077.83, averaging 68 cents, takes the third place. The fourth is occupied by the Presbytery of Maryland, making the largest average per member of any Presbytery, very nearly $2.10 per member, having 1460 communicants whose contributions reach $3,054.95. The Presbytery of Mecklenburg comes fifth, numbering 5929, and giving $3,039.09, an average of 51 cents per member. When it is remembered that the strong and wealthy churches of Baltimore are in the Presbytery of Maryland, and the cities of Richmond, Norfolk and Petersburg in the Presbytery of East Hanover, it is a matter of great encouragement that Presbyteries whose strength lies in country churches are ranked with them—and it must be conceded that considering the fact that all of its congregations are in the country or comparatively small towns, the Presbytery of Concord has made a noble record and has set an inspiriting example.

In the Synod of North Carolina, the Presbytery of Concord is easily the first, with 4085 members, contributing $3,320.29, an average of 80 cents. The Presbytery of Mecklenburg is second, with 5929 members, contributing $3,039.09, an average of 51 cents. The Presbytery of Orange is third, with 4561 members, contributing $2,883 30, an average of 63 cents. The Presbytery of Fayetteville, with 4924 members, gave $2,225.80, an average of 45 cents. The Presbytery of Wilmington, with 2341 members, gave $1,003.01, an average of 42 cents. It may be here proper to add, that a legacy of Mrs. Hooper of Fayetteville church was added to the treasury of Foreign Missions during this year, amounting to $6,245.45.

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In Concord Presbytery contributions were made by 37 Churches, 16 Ladies' Societies, and 20 Sunday Schools and Children's Societies. Seven churches are not reported as contributing anything. In Fayetteville Presbytery 47 Churches, 23 Ladies' Societies, and 12 Sunday Schools and Children's Societies gave, and six Churches reported nothing done. In Mecklenburg Presbytery there were 36 Churches, 17 Ladies' Societies, 1 Gentlemen's Society, 1 Ladies' and Gentlemen's Society, and 17 Sunday Schools and Children's Societies that contributed, while sixteen Churches are not reported as giving anything either by Church collections or other means. In Orange Presbytery 47 Churches out of 66 gave to this cause, and sixteen Ladies' Societies and six Sunday Schools and Children's Societies. In Wilmington Presbytery there are 38 Churches. 28 contributed to Foreign Missions, 4 Ladies' Societies and one Sunday School. The total amount raised was $11,371.49, an increase over last year of $937. This advance has been very marked in the Presbyteries of Concord and Orange. There has been progress in Fayetteville and Wilmington, but there has been retrogression in Mecklenburg. 60 Churches in the Synod failed to contribute. Many of these are feeble and many vacant.

In the amounts given in various ways, the following Churches deserve special mention: Charlotte 1st, membership 470, $1,160.12; Charlotte 2nd, membership 491, $668.77; Statesville, membership 232, $646.09; Wilmington 1st, membership 278, $563.40; Mooresville, membership 195, $396.62; Salisbury, membership 207, $354.25; Maxton and Centre, (one pastoral charge) membership 241, $343.53; Raleigh 1st, membership 248, $305.16; Unity and Franklin, (one pastoral charge) membership 265, $296.84; Centre and Prospect, (one pastoral charge) membership 349, $243.76; Laurinburg, membership 162, $234.28; Greensboro, membership 410, $229.83; Laurel Hill, Smyrna and Montpelier, (one pastoral charge) membership 344, $214.02. Your Agent desires specially to commend not only the munificence of the Churches in Charlotte, but also their various and effective organizations, to which much of their great and increasing success is due.

The following Churches reached an average of more than $1.00 per member: Maxton, Statesville, Charlotte 1st, Wilmington 1st, Sardis,

Mooresville, Jonesboro, Salisbury, Charlotte 2nd, Davidson College, Winston, Highland Mission, Laurinburg, Raleigh 1st, Lumberton.

While the Synod of North Carolina has steadily grown in its beneficence to this cause, and exceeds the general average of the Church, and has therefore reason to be encouraged in the progress made, in the number of workers sent to the field our Synod is sadly behind its sister Synods. Small as is the proportion sent forth from our Church, sixty-two out of 150 398, our Synod should have more than twice as many representatives in the foreign field as it has, to maintain the same proportion. The Rev. John W. Davis, D. D., of the Presbytery of Concord is at Soochow, China. Miss Lily Tidball, daughter of Rev. W. D. Tidball of this Synod is at Hangchow, China. Mrs. Dr. G. W. Butler of Goldsboro', is at Maraubao, Brazil, and Mrs. R. B, Grinnan of Fayetteville, is at Kochi, Japan. Are there not earnest, godly laymen, teachers or physicians, or consecrated women, or ministers of the gospel, who hold themselves at the Master's bidding and the church's call, ready to go far hence to the Gentiles? We should have nine laborers among the heathen, to have our due share.

Your Agent calls attention to the change and great improvement in the Monthly Magazine edited by our Secretary, *The Missionary*, presenting in most comely and attractive form the freshest intelligence of our own work with wide and timely tidings from the whole field. It is believed that the circulation of *The Missionary* will greatly deepen the increasing interest taken in our Synod in the cause of Missions and largely augment the contributions to this cause.

Your Agent further directs attention to the injunction of the General Assembly, that appeals for free-will offerings from all the Churches be made by the Secretary in the months of October and February. It must not be forgotten that money given for Foreign Missions is given for every object—for Sustentation, Evangelistic Labor, Education, Publication, Colportage—for the work of the Church abroad. There is need that there be prompt and generous response to these appeals.

Your Agent calls attention in the third place to the recent appeals made with such touching earnestness for special assistance. In the October number of *The Missionary* appears a stirring call from Maraubao, to which the eyes of young Ministers and Theological Students in our Synod is turned. This call comes with peculiar power—who will an-

swer? A second appeal appears in the church papers of this month, in the *North Carolina Presbyterian* of October 19th, from our Secretary commending the pathetic statement of need for a medical Missionary in Tsin Kiang pu, China, by one who offers to go if the church will but send him! To this appeal, who will respond?

There is need that our Church and our Synod be awakened and stimulated to still more earnest effort. There is need for importunate prayer. There is need for greater self-denial and higher consecration. There is need for wider knowledge, broader sympathies and a more intelligent zeal. The East is reddening, and the day of the Church's triumph seems near. But with the coming of opportunity is the tremendous increase of responsibility. Let us arise and with gladness meet our solemn duty, and aid in the conquest of the world for Christ. We have the positive assurance. "His dominion is from sea to sea." "All nations shall serve Him."

Your Agent offers the following resolutions for the adoption of the Synod:

1. The Synod recognizes with gratitude the divine favor in the work of the year: in relief from debt, in the gratifying advance in contributions, in the success of our Missions in the ingathering of souls, and in enlarged opportunities of usefulness.

2. The Synod presses anew the cause so dear to the heart of the Redeemer, upon our churches and church agencies, asking increased gifts and more perfect consecration from those who regularly contribute, and specially urging the duty on the 60 churches and the many individual christians who did nothing.

3. The Synod commends *The Missionary* as a potent agent for disseminating intelligence and awakening a profounder interest in the great work of missions, and recommends that Presbyteries in its bounds take such action as they think best to give it the widest circulation and influence.

4. The Synod presents to Ministers and Theological Students the appeal of the Presbyterian church in Maraubao and to men of means and consecration the application for a medical Missionary at Tsing Kiang pu with their earnest approbation.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Beyond tabulated figures the Reports from Fayetteville and Wilmington Presbyteries to your Agent are very meagre. From the consolidated facts in the Reports from our five Presbyteries, and from the Minutes of the General Assembly, the following table has been compiled, and will show the present status of our Synodical Sabbath School Work :

PRESBYTERIES.	No. on Roll.			Admitted to Communion.	Contributions for Schools.	Contributions for Beneficence
	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.			
Concord	34	313	2727	150	$ 351	$ 481
Fayetteville	43	331	2401	116	442	292
Mecklenburg	40	381	3250	240	675	769
Orange	49	407	3150	143	1 103	270
Wilmington	20	185	1204	43	290	55
	186	1617	12732	692	2 861	1 867
Summary for 1886	175	1491	11770	644	2 664	1 498
Increase	11	126	962	48	$ 197	$ 369

A decided advance is here signalized in every column, and an addition to our schools of nearly eleven hundred members.

To grasp more clearly the significance and momentum of our progress, our work must be reviewed. The first Sabbath School Report recorded on our Synodical Minutes was that of 1874. For five successive years the reports were very defective, and failed to show our real condition. But from 1880 they became more accurate, and the following table will prove instructive, and be valuable for future reference. A faulty report from Mecklenburg Presbytery doubtless caused the apparent recession in 1885.

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Year.	No. Ch's. in Synod.	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Added to Church.	For Schools.	For Beneficence.	Total.
1874	208	81	957	6 960	364	$1 216	$ 613	$1 829
1880	227	153	1219	9 553	398	1 156	1 009	2 165
1881	227	146	1196	9 031	208			2 954
1882	232	142	1244	9 254	212	2 024	1 075	3 099
1883	234	154	1341	10 418	342	2 373	1 269	3 642
1884	239	163	1414	11 007	362	1 923	1 718	3 641
1885	249	148	1198	9 115	404	2 337	1 142	3 479
1886	253	175	1491	11 770	644	2 664	1 498	4 162
1887	257	186	1617	12 732	692	2 861	1 867	4 728

So the movement has evidently been steadily, though not rapidly, upward. But one dismal blot all the time distresses us. Since 1880 there have generally been from eighty to one hundred churches in the Synod apparently with no Sabbath School. It is scarcely possible that any valid reason can justify such a sad condition,—one-third of our churches thus halting in holy work for the Master. Many of these delinquent churches have a substantial membership, and numbers of baptized non-communicants.

SCHOOL WORK.

Very few of the Schools contribute to all the benevolent enterprises of the church: a number give to one or more of them; but the majority do not remember any one.

The average attendance will probably not exceed two-thirds, or 66 per cent. of the enrollment. Such failure must dampen enthusiasm, and hinder efficiency.

Conversions among the youth have been about one in eighteen, which is a small harvest for the Redeemer from those thus nurtured by the mother church.

PRESBYTERIAL CONVENTIONS.

Every Presbytery has been holding Sabbath School Conventions, and the published reports are full of cheer. These gatherings are becoming a part of a fixed Presbyterial system of oversight and stimulation to better work. Some kind of superintendency or agency seems

to be needed, by which churches can be visited, and guided into the best methods of work; assistance rendered in School organization; and aid given in selecting and obtaining proper books for libraries, and helpful supplies for good Sunday School work. A central Synodical Agent, wholly devoted to this work is a desideratum, that must be supplied. Other churches feel this; and successful efforts have been made in this direction in our own State.

SUGGESTIONS.

☞In view of all the facts your Agent respectfully suggests, that this Synod express its regret at the seeming lack of appreciation, by so many delinquent churches,

1. Of the vast importance of the Sabbath School work in building up the Kingdom of Christ:

2. Of the value and duty of training the young in the habit of liberal and systematic giving, and in clear understanding of, and love for, all the great lines of Church ministry, rspresented by our various Committees, for the honor of our adorable Saviour:

3. And of the inestimable importance of more conspicuous attention to systematic memorizing portions of God's word; and to the univer sal study of the Catechisms of the Church, and an understanding of our distinctive scheme of Church order and government.

☞Your Agent also suggests, that this Synod do declare its sense of the importance of the studies, so wisely arranged in the "Bible Correspondence School," issued by our Publication Committee in conjunction with the Publication Board of the Northern Presbyterian Church. They afford an invaluable training for all Sabbath School teachers, and an admirable basis for most profitable Bible classes for all our people.

Also, that synod urge upon the Presbyteries to secure more light on this vital Sabbath School work from all the churches, and stimulate the sluggish to ,pressing duty: and to impress upon all teachers and leaders in Sabbath Schools the demand from them of holy example, earnest work for their scholars, and fervent prayer to the Great Shepherd. that He would help them to lead more of these lambs to the safe fold of His love.

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SYNODICAL MEETING.

According to the Synod's direction, your Agent, in conjunction with the Presbyterial S. S. Agents, presents for the Synodical Sabbath School meeting the following

PROGRAMME.

Rev. W. S. Lacy, Jonesboro, N. C., "The Service of Song in the Sabbath School."

Rev. Alexander Phillips, Fayetteville, N. C., "The Use of Chalk in Sabbath Schools."

Hon. A. Leazer, Mooresville, N. C., "The Origin and Purpose of Sunday Schools."

Maj. Robert Bingham, Mebaneville, N. C., "Lesson Helps, and the Teachers need to use them."

We propose that according to the arrangement at the last session of Synod, Messrs Lacy and Phillips be heard in the afternoon, and Messrs Leazer and Bingham in the evening. After the addresses an opportunity will be offered for general discussion of the themes submitted.

A QUESTION BOX

will also be used, that other subjects deemed of interest may be brought forward at this or a future session.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
Oct. 25th, 1888.

L. C. VASS,
Synodical S. S. Agent.

E.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

REVISED NOVEMBER, 1883.

I. OF ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

1. The Stated Clerk, the Pastor of the Church in which the Synod holds its annual session, and the Delegate of the Session of said Church, shall constitute a Committee of Enrollment, who shall, at a conveient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the Roll of the Synod. And to the Committee of Enroliment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each member, unless released by a vote of the Synod, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod to address a letter to the Moderator, stating reasons for his detention.

3. The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a Standing Committee on Leave of Absence. To this Committee all excuses for absence or late attendance, and for the latter on the part of Ruling Elders as well as Ministers shall be rendered. The roll shall be called before final adjournment, and those absent without permission shall be called to answer for such irregularity.

II. OF THE OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF SYNOD.

4. A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

5. The Treasurer shall submit to the Synod, annually, his book, together with a report of receipts and expenditures, presenting vouchers for the same.

6. The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, and they shall present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

7. Agents shall be appointed on each of the following departments of the Church's work, viz: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education, Publication, Evangelistic Labor and Sabbath Schools. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of the

Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them. The Agents for these respective subjects, or chairmen of Committees, in the several Presbyteries shall forward to the Synodical Agents such reports as are needful in the preparation of their reports to the Synod. And the Synod shall appoint Orders of the Day for each of these causes at each annual meeting. In connection with the Order for Evangelistic Labor the Synod will hear reports from Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists. And in connection with the consideration of Foreign Missions, a collection may also be taken for this object.

III. OF COMMITTEES.

8. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred. And this Committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body.

9. A standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence shall be referred. And this Committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod, recommending any action called for on the subject. The Presbyterial Reports shall cover the fiscal year of the Assembly.

10. A standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to examine the Synodical Records and report thereon.

IV. OF THE STATED CLERK AND THE MINUTES.

11. The Stated Clerk shall forward to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary and the Librarian of Davidson College, the Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Society, a copy of the Minutes of the Synod as published annually.

12. He shall issue and sign certificates whenever necessary, for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

13. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes the reports of the Presbyteries furnishing statistics to the Synod, the statistics of the annual reports of the Synodical Agents, when approved by the Synod, requesting on behalf of the Synod the

publication of the full reports in the *North Carolina Presbyterian;* a list of the officers and appointees of the Synod; the Standing Rules of the Synod and a Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

14. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, at least once in five years, the names of the Ruling Elders and Deacons, with their respective postoffices, belonging to the Churches composing the Synod. And the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, the information necessary for the execution of this rule.

V. MISCELLANEOUS.

15. The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly for 1886, and since that time observed by them, shall be the rules for the guidance of this Synod.

16. The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod shall render excuse to the Synod for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board, and if so absent without assigning sufficient excuse his seat in the Board will be declared vacant.

17. It was ordered that it be a Standing Rule of Synod that hereafter the Synodical Communion be celebrated on Thursday evening. (Minutes 1883, p. 402.)

18. The election of Stated Clerk and of Synodical Agents shall be held in 1886, and every three years thereafter—the former to enter upon his duties at the opening of the Synod immediately succeeding that at which he is elected, and the latter to enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of the Synod which elected them. (Minutes 1883, p. 240.)

19. It was made a Standing Rule that the Roll be called at the opening of the Synod, that those who have been enrolled by the Committee of Enrollment may answer to their names. (Minutes 1885, p. 612.)

20. The Committee on Leave of Absence was instructed not to grant leaves of absence except for urgent reasons; and the Stated Clerk was directed to enter this action upon the Docket of the next Synod, for information and caution to members of the Committee and of the Synod. (Minutes, 1885, p. 615.)

F.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1813.	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman,	Alamance Church,
1814.	*Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell,	Thyatira Church.
1815.	*Rev. Wm. McPheeters,	Fayetteville,
1816.	*Rev. John Robinson,	Raleigh,
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present.	Rocky River,
1818.	*Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D.,	Fayetteville.
1819.	*Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, D. D.,	Raleigh,
1820.	*Rev. William Paisley,	Poplar Tent,
1821.	*Rev. John M. Wilson,	Salisbury.
1822.	*Rev. John Robinson,	Hillsborough,
1823.	*Rev. John Witherspoon,	Fayetteville,
1824.	*Rev. Colin McIver,	Statesville,
1825.	*Rev. John B. Davis,	Greensborough,
1826.	*Rev. William McPheeters, D. D.	Fayetteville,
1827.	Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D.,	Salisbury,
The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings.		
1828.	*Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch,	Raleigh,
1829.	*Rev. John Williamson,	Fayetteville,
1830.	*Rev. Samuel L. Graham,	Hopewell,
1831.	*Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich,	Hillsborough,
1832.	*Rev. Samuel Williamson,	Salisbury,
1833.	*Rev. Henry A. Rowland,	Wilmington,
1834.	*Rev. James W. Douglass,	Oxford,
1835.	*Rev. Henry N. Pharr,	Salisbury,
1836.	*Rev. Joseph Brown,	Fayetteville,
1837.	*Rev. N. H. Harding,	Shiloh,
1838.	*Rev. Stephen Frontis,	Third Creek Church
1839.	*Rev. Daniel A. Penick,	Lincolnton,

*Deceased.

Moderators of Synod.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1840.	*Rev. Alexander Wilson, D D.,	Danville, Va,
1841.	*Rev William N. Peacock,	Fayetteville,
1842.	*Rev. Walter S. Pharr,	Poplar Tent,
1843.	*Rev. James Philips,	Raleigh,
1844.	*Rev. Simeon Colton,	Fayetteville,
1845.	*Rev. Samuel Williamson,	Charlotte,
1846.	*Rev. Drury Lacy,	Greensborough,
1847.	*Rev. Evander McNair,	Fayetteville,
1848.	*Rev. Cyrus Johnston.	Salisbury,
1849.	*Rev. John A. Gretter,	Hillsborough,
1850.	*Rev. Adam Gilchrist,	Centre,
1851.	*Rev. Archibald Baker,	Rocky River,
1852.	*Rev. Wm. N. Mebane,	Danville, Va,
1853.	Rev. Hector McLean,	Wilmington,
1854.	*Rev. A. L. Watts,	Concord,
1855.	*Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D. D.,	Greensborough,
1856.	Rev. Neill Mckay,	Fayetteville,
1857.	*Rev. Walter W. Pharr,	Charlotte,
1858.	*Rev. Jacob Doll,	Newbern,
1859.	*Rev. F. K. Nash,	Wilmington,
1860.	*Rev. R. H. Lafferty,	Statesville,
1861.	*Rev. Edward Hines,	Raleigh,
1862.	*Rev. Jno. M. Sherwood,	Goldsborough,
1863.	*Rev. R. N. Davis,	Salisbury,
1864.	*Rev. A. G. Hughes,	Greensborough,
1865.	Rev. Colin Shaw,	Fayetteville,
1866.	*Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D. D.,	Charlotte,
1867.	Rev. Archibald Currie,	Newbern,
1868.	Rev. D. D. McBryde,	Wilmington.
1869.	*Rev. Jesse Rankin,	Morganton,
1870.	*Rev. S. A. Stanfield,	Raleigh,
1871.	Rev. J. P. McPherson,	Fayetteville,
1872.	Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D. D.,	Charlotte,
1873.	*Rev. James M. Sprunt,	Wilmington,
1874.	Rev. J. Rumple, D. D.,	Concord,

*Deceased.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1875.	Rev. P. H. Dalton,	Greensborough,
1876.	*Rev. Martin McQueen,	Fayetteville,
1877.	*Rev. John Douglass,	Charlotte,
1878.	Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.,	Goldsborough,
1879.	Rev. E. F. Rockwell,	Statesville,
1880.	Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D.,	Raleigh,
1881.	Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.,	Salisbury,
1882.	Rev. L. McKinnon,	Asheville,
1883.	Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.,	Wilmington,
1884.	*Rev. P. T. Penick,	Winston,
1885.	*Rev. J. C. Alexander,	Reidsville,
1886.	Rev. John W. Primrose,	Concord,
1887.	Rev. R. Z. Johnston,	Fayetteville.

*Deceased.

STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1813.	*Rev. Robt. H. Chapman.	1859.	*Rev. Jacob Doll.
1818	*Rev. Colin McIver.	1878.	Rev. Wm. S. Lacy.
1849.	*Rev. Drury Lacy.	1886.	Rev. J. A. Ramsay,
1855.	*Rev. Archibald Baker.		Mill Bridge, N. C.

*Deceased.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST-CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain, Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Prof. Wm. J. Martin, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1891.

SECOND-CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. Jno. W. Primrose, Mr. D. W. Oates, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1890.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D., Mr. B. F. Hall, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1889.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, Ruling Elder;
Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., to go out in 1888.

AGENTS OF SYNOD.

Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, - -	Agent for Foreign Missions.
Rev. J. M. Wharey, - -	Agent of Sustentation.
Rev. W. E. McIlwain, - -	Agent of Education,
Rev. J. S. Watkins, D. D., - -	Agent of Publication,
Rev. L. C. Vass. D.D., - -	Agent of Sabbath Schools.
Rev. J. W. Primrose, - -	Agent of Evangelistic Labor.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Mr. William S. Primrose, - - - - Raleigh.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Col John E. Brown, Chairman, - - -	Charlotte.
Col. J. B. Rankin, - - - - - -	Charlotte,
Mr. J. L. Brown, - - - - - -	Charlotte.
Mr. R. M. Oates, - - - - - -	Charlotte,
Hon. A. C. Avery, - - - - - -	Morganton.
Mr. D. F. Cannon, - - - - - -	Concord,
Mr. E. B. Stimson, - - - - - -	Statesville,

To go out in 1891.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., - - -	Raleigh,
Concord—Rev. Wm. W. Pharr, - - - -	Mooresville,
Fayetteville—Rev. J. P. McPherson, - -	Jonesboro,
Wilmington—Rev. A. McFadyen, - -	Clarkton,
Mecklenburg—Rev. R. Z. Johnston, - -	Lincolnton.

ROLL OF MINISTERS OF SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA—1887.

1.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Offices.*	
1. Robert Burwell, D. D.,	Raleigh,	N. C.,
2. Geo. W. Ferrill,	Tally Ho,	"
3. Arch'd Currie,	Yanceyville,	"
4. T. U. Faucette,	Milton,	"
5. J. M. Atkinson, D. D.,	Raleigh,	"
6. P. H. Dalton,	High Point,	"
7. J. H. Smith, D. D.,	Greensboro,	"
8. E. W. Smith,	Greensboro,	"
9. E. H. Harding, D. D.,	Graham,	"
10. F. H. Johnston, D. D.,	Raleigh,	"
11. C. N Morrow,	Hawthorne,	Fla.,
12. C. Phillips, D. D.,	Chapel Hill,	N. C.,
13. L. C. Vass, D. D.,	New Bern,	"
14. H. T. Darnall,	Durham,	"
15. C. Miller,	Greensboro,	"
16. T. J. Allison,	Bingham School,	"
17. J. L. Currie,	Hillsboro,	"
18. S. M. Smith,	Washington,	"
19. J. S. Watkins, D. D.,	Raleigh,	"
20. D. I. Craig,	Reidsville,	"
21. W. F. Thom,	Ore Hill,	"
22. J. N. H. Summerell,	Tarboro,	"
23. A. L Crawford,	Lexington,	"
24. S. H. Isler,	Goldsboro,	"
25. W. F. Wilhelm,	Hillsboro,	"
26. S. H. Chester,	Mebaneville,	"
27. Alexander Sprunt,	Henderson,	"
28. R. B. Willis,	Oxford,	"
29. Carr Moore,	Townesville,	"
30. S. O. Hall,	Madison,	"
31. W. R. Coppedge,	Yanceyville,	"
32. R. P. Pell,	Wilson,	"
33. C. D. Price,	Warrenton,	"

Roll of Ministers Concord and Fayetteville.

II—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Offices.*
1. E. F. Rockwell, D .D.,	Cool Spring, N. C.
2. B. L. Beall,	Lenoir,
3. W. A. Wood, D. D.,	Statesville,
4. J. Rumple, D D,	Salisbury,
5. Wm. W. Pharr,	Mooresville,
6. R. B. Anderson, D. D.,	Morganton,
7. W. B. Tidball,	Greensboro,
8. L. McKinnon, D. D.,	Clinton,
9. J. M. Wharey,	Mooresville,
10. L. K. Glasgow,	Davidson College,
11. J. W. Davis, D .D.,	Soochon, China,
12. R. W. Boyd,	Wood Leaf,
13. C. M. Payne,	Concord,
14. C. A. Monroe,	Lenoir,
15. J. A. Ramsay,	Mill Bridge,
16. W. R. McLelland,	Statesville,
17. J. L. Williamson,	Concord,
18. W. B. Arrowood,	Norwood,
19. A. Walker White,	Taylorsville,
20. R. S. Arrowood,	Mill Hill,
21. C. M. Tidball,	Fancy Hill.

III—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

1. Hector McLean,	Melrose,
2. J. P. McPherson,	Jonesboro,
3. Neill McKay, D. D.,	Lillington,
4. Andrew McMillan,	Laurinburg,
5. D. D. McBryde,	Little River Academy,
6. *M. McQueen,	Carthage,
7. James McQueen,	Swann's Station,
8. N. T. Bowden,	Covington,
9. Joseph Evans,	Plainville,
10. A. McQueen,	Queensdale,
11. John H. Coble,	Laurinburg.

*Deceased since meeting of Synod.

ROLL OF MINISTERS. WILMINGTON AND MECKLENBURG.

Ministers.	*Post Offices.*
12. H. G. Hill, D. D.,	Maxton,
13. David Fairley,	Manchester,
14. James H. Colton,	Jonesboro,
15. A. N. Ferguson,	Laurinburg,
16. K. M. McIntyre,	Endicott,
17. Wm. S. Lacy,	Jonesboro,
18. J. S. Black,	Athens,
19. A. L. Phillips,	Fayetteville,
20. A. R. Shaw,	Manly.

IV—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

1. Duncan B. Black,	Burgaw,
2. Colin Shaw,	Magnolia,
3. James Kelly,	Clarkton,
4. B. F. Marable, D. D.,	Mt. Olive,
5. A. McFadyen,	Clarkton,
6. Geo. W. McMillan,	Kenansville,
7. Kenneth McDonald,	Magruder,
8. John W. Primrose.	Wilmington,
9. Peyton H. Hoge,	Wilmington,
10. J. D. Stanford,	Kenansville,
11. J. J. Hines,	Pollocksville,
12. Peter McIntyre,	Faisons.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

1. R. H. Morrison, D. D.,	Lowesville.
2. James E. Morrison,	Morven,
3. James D. Hall,	Belmont,
4. William Graves,	Mills River,
5. A. W. Miller, D. D.,	Charlotte,
6. G. D. Parks,	Charlotte,
7. R. Z. Johnston,	Lincolnton,
8. D. T. Towles,	Crab Tree,
9. J. J. Kennedy,	Gastonia,
10. Wm. H. Davis,	Davidson River,
11. Wm. E. McIlwain,	Gastonia,

ROLL OF MINISTERS. MECKLENBURG.

Ministers.	*Post Offices.*
12. S. Taylor Martin,	Hampden Sydney, Va.
13. G. S. Robinson,	Pineville,
14. R. A. Miller;	Hopewell,
15. G. L. Cook,	Sandifer,
16. Wm. R. Atkinson,	Charlotte,
17. D. P. Robinson,	Palestine, Texas.
18. J. M. McLean,	Gastonia,
19. A. G. Buckner,	Wadesborough,
20. A. M. Watson,	
21. E. P. Davis,	Shelby,
22. R. B. Morrow,	Monteith,
23. C. W. Robinson,	Monroe,
24. I. N. Campbell,	Rutherfordton,
25. P. R. Law,	Charlotte,
26. E. A. Sample,	Franklin,
27. J. L. McLees,	Pineville,
28. T. A. Wharton,	Waynesville,
29. James Y. Fair,	Charlotte,
30. W. O. Cochran,	Charlotte,
31. R. A. Fair,	Charlotte,
32. W. S. P. Bryan,	Asheville.

DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

[FROM 22ND RULE OF THE RULES OF PARLIAMENTARY ORDER, APPROVED BY THE SYNOD. SEE STANDING RULE 15.

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes read.
3. Presentation of Papers.
    a. Communications addressed to the body;
    b. Reports of Standing Committees;
    c. Reports of Select Committees;
    d. Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation, but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4. The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such Unfinished Business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table, to proceed with the Special Order.]

5. The Order of the Day.
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect officers, to appoint committees and to enroll members, shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

[*Note*—If the Unfinished Business be laid on the table in order to proceed with the Order of the Day, when the Order has been disposed of such Unfinished Business has precedence of the Regular Docket.]

DOCKET,

Of the Seventy-Fifth Annual Session of the Synod of North Carolina, to be held in the Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, N. C., on Wednesday, the 24th day of October, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

I. Prayer.

II. Report of Committee of Enrollment.

III. Moderator Chosen.

IV. Temporary Clerks Chosen.

V. Minutes of Last Annual Meeting of Synod Read.

VI. Standing Committees Announced.

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Committee.
3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
4. Systematic Benificence.
5. Minutes of the General Assembly.
6. Union Theological Seminary.
7. Treasurer's Books.
8. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
9. Devotional Exercises.
10. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.
11. Synodical Records.
12. Leave of Absence.

VII. Committee to Review Records of Presbyteries Announced:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

VIII. Excuses for Absence from last Meeting of Synod Referred.

IX. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries Referred.

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

X. Narratives of the State of Religion Referred:

DOCKET.

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XI. Reports of Presbyteries on Systematic Benificence Referred :

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XII. Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary Read ard Referred.

XIII. Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary referred.

[*Note.*—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of Synod, viz : Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling Elder.]

XIV. Synodical and Presbyterial Records Referred :

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. The Synod.

XV. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Col. John E. Brown, Chairman) Read and Referred.

XVI. Report of the Treasurer of Synod Read and Referred.

XVII. Appointment of Orders of the Day.

XVIII. Reports of Synodical Agents Read.

1. Sustentation—Rev. Jas. M. Wharey.
2. Education—Rev Wm. E. McIlwaine.
3. Publication—Rev. Jno. S. Watkins, D. D.
4. Fereign Missiont—Rev. Wm. S. Lacy.
5. Sabbath Schools—Rev. L. C. Vass, D. D.
6. Evangelistic Labor—Rev. John W. Primrose.

Docket.

XIX. Report of Synodical Historical Committee. (Rev. J. A. Ramsay, Chairman.)

XX. Minute on the Death of Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D., Rev. Colin Shaw, Chairman. (Minutes 1885, p. 611. 1887, p. 120.

XXI. Committee on Reports of Committee of Bills and Overtures, &c., Rev. J. W. Primrose, Chairman. (Minutes 1887, pp. 102, 122 and 125.

XXII. Report of Committee on Parochial Instruction, Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Chairman. (Minutes 1887, p. 126.

XXIII. Report of Presbyterial Committees on Union Theological Seminary. (Minutes 1887, p. 129.

XXIV. Synodical Communion, on Thursday evening, as provided for by Rule 17.

XXV. Time and Place of Next Meeting of Synod.

XXVI. How many Copies of the Minutes shall be Published.

XXVII. Statistical Report of the Synod to the General Assembly adopted.

XXVIII. Roll Called before Final Adjournment.

XXIX. Minutes Read and Approved.

XXX. Adjournment with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.